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Photographing & Filming Police

- You have the right to photograph & film police in public.
- Police cannot demand to see photos/videos without a warrant. If they do, you do not need to consent. You can say: "I don't consent to search of my phone" (or other recording device).
- Police cannot lawfully delete your photos/videos.

You have a constitutional right to silence. If the police come to your door to ask you questions or to look at your photos:

- You do not need to answer the door. (You only have to open the door to law enforcement when they have a warrant issued by a judge to search your home or arrest you.)
- You do not have to consent to a search of your phone or other recording devices. (If the police come to your home asking to see the photos/videos on your phone or other recording devices, you do not have to comply unless they have a warrant.)
- You do not need to answer their questions. (You have an unequivocal right to silence. You can tell the officer, "I am not going to answer any questions.")

If an officer stops you on the street and asks you questions or asks to see photos on your phone, ask if you are being detained.

If you are not being detained, you are free to leave and can walk away. You have a right to silence even if you are being detained. You do not have to talk to the police or answer questions. If they insist on seeing your phone you can say, "I do not consent to a search of my phone or my photographs."

If police try to talk to you while you are filming you can say: "Officer, I'm not interfering. I'm asserting my First Amendment Rights. You are being recorded."

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