



## You've been arrested. Now what?

Right after being arrested, your first goal is to have your bond **reduced** or **dropped** so that you can *get out of jail quickly*.

You accomplish this by showing that you are **not** a flight risk.

### During a Police Stop

#### DO

- Give only your name
- Stay calm
- Follow the officer's commands



#### DON'T

- Volunteer information about the situation
- Consent to a search
- Resist or fight back

### If You Are Arrested and Go to Jail

#### DO

- Request a referral for a bond fund
- Brainstorm facts that will show you are NOT a flight risk
- Use jail phone to notify family of your location and direct them to the Nashville Defenders



#### DON'T

- Sign anything without a lawyer
- Talk to people in jail about your case
- Share details about your case on the jail phone (because you are being recorded)

### At the Initial Appearance

#### DO

- Be honest with your attorney
- Prove you are not a flight risk
- Focus on factors related to bond, not the case



#### DON'T

- Withhold information from your attorney
- Try to justify your actions
- Discuss the facts of the case