



***Mistakes You Can't
Make During a
Criminal Case***

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INTRODUCTION

Being charged with a crime can leave you feeling helpless and lost. You should know that you're not alone and we can help you through this very difficult time. If you are in search of competent and fierce representation, please call our office right away to set up a consultation. In the meantime, here are seven mistakes that could potentially ruin your criminal case.

#1 INCRIMINATING YOURSELF DURING ARREST

When you are arrested, you should be read your Miranda rights, which detail your right to remain silent. It is in your best interest not to provide any information beyond basic information such as your name. Do not overshare with the police officers if they ask you follow up questions during your arrest. You can incriminate yourself and what you say can be used against you as they say in your Miranda rights. It's best to stay silent and wait until you have representation from a lawyer.





2 ASSUMING YOU'RE NOT BEING FILMED

You should always act under the assumption that what you are doing and saying can be and probably is being filmed. Most officers wear body cams now and if the camera is facing you, you should assume that you are being filmed. It's important to behave in a manner that is generally neutral and not to incriminate yourself, especially on recording.

#3

RESISTING ARREST

Resisting arrest, even if you know you shouldn't be arrested at this time, can be dangerous for you. If you believe that your rights are being violated in this arrest, it's best to deal with this later on, as opposed to fighting with the officer and risking not only getting hurt but being hit with extra charges for resisting arrest. You can relay the entire incident to your lawyer later on but, to save yourself further harm and trouble, we encourage you to act cooperatively with any officers you encounter during this arrest.





#4 ***MISSING COURT DATES***

When you get released on bond, you have a chance to put together your defense. Sometimes the dates between you being arrested and you showing up in court can be quite far apart. It's easy to let things slip from your mind, but this is one of those things that you absolutely cannot forget about. Not showing up for your court-ordered appearance can be extremely detrimental to your case. It also makes it much harder for you to appear in court later on. Put your court dates on every possible visible calendar around you so you don't forget. Make sure you plan how you're going to get there well in advance, as well.

#5 **GETTING ADVICE FROM FRIENDS**

There are certain things that you can discuss and get advice from friends and family about but, typically, you don't want to rely on them for advice regarding your arrest. They can be there for your support and you can ask them to take you to your court hearings but, in regard to questions and concerns about your arrest and your charges, the most reliable source of information is going to be your lawyer. You want someone who definitely knows what they are talking about when you are looking for information regarding your case.





#6 ***NOT PREPARING FOR COURT***

It is important that you prepare for your court date. That could involve preparing what you are going to wear and making sure that you look like you are a responsible citizen. You don't want to show up looking in a manner that could be unforgivable. You also want to prepare in terms of how you're going to get there so that you arrive on time and there are no issues with that. Additionally, your lawyer is going to help you prepare for anything that happens while you are at court.

#7

NOT HIRING A LAWYER

It can be a significant mistake to decide that you are going to represent yourself. Odds are you have no experience with criminal defense past television and entertainment. You don't want to take the chance of getting terrible results when you are up against serious charges. Having the advice and consultation of a lawyer is going to be the best decision you could make right now.





CONCLUSION

We hope you reach out to our lawyers as soon as you possibly can to get fierce and dependable representation. Call to set up a consultation today.

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