



Most people know you should keep your insurance information and vehicle registration in your car at all times. That way, if you are stopped by police, the information you need to provide is easily accessible.

But for many, having your insurance and registration handy isn't enough to get you through these often overwhelming police stops. It is far more common than you might think for police to use what you say against you. Even in instances of seemingly minor traffic tickets, anything you say could be used against you later in court.

If you are stopped, you also run the risk of facing other more serious criminal penalties depending on the details of your case. DeMatteo Law Firm is here to help you protect your rights and your future. **Keep this script cutout with your registration and insurance information so you have it readily available if you are stopped by police. In addition to providing you with the exact words you should use to avoid saying anything that could be used against you, it can also aid in maintaining distance between you and the police as well.**

For example, if you were stopped for a suspected DUI, you should reasonably expect an officer to attempt to determine whether you are intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, perhaps by trying to smell alcohol on your breath. By handing police this script cutout, you can avoid aiding the police in building a criminal case against you by remaining silent.

You might think being friendly and chatty with the police will help you avoid criminal charges. But the more you talk, the more opportunities you are giving officers to extend the stop and gather incriminating evidence against you. Do yourself a favor and hand them this script instead. It is polite and to the point. You aren't being rude. You are exercising your constitutional rights. Always remain calm and in control of your emotions to the best of your ability.

The script is below:



TO BE HANDED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD YOU BE PULLED OVER OR  
STOPPED IN ANY WAY:

**Officer, I understand you have a job to do, and I respect that. I will accept any ticket you wish to give me; and I am presenting you my identifying and necessary documentation along with this piece of paper. I will not talk to you without an attorney present. I am invoking my 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to remain silent.**