

Question: What should I know first about protecting myself?

I have several immediate warnings I want to give you that will protect you with what's to come. The first one is a concept called the pretext phone call. The pretext phone call is when the police have a child or a relative of the child place a phone call to you. The theory behind it that they want to get you to while your guard is down confess to something. While the phone call is being made it's normal practice for the police to be sitting there feeding questions written down on pieces of paper to the individual who placed the phone call. The concept is okay however it's misused. Think about getting a phone call from somebody that says you abused me. If you say you're sorry I won't go to the police. Well that puts extreme pressure on somebody whose innocent to say I'm sorry that way it's over and they don't have to the police involved. However, when those words I'm sorry is played back to a jury it's going to sound like I'm guilty. What we recommend is that if you get one of these calls just say no, nothing happened and hang up. You do not want to spar with the cop that's on the other end of that phone call. Stay away from it and immediately call us. The second warning is that at any time you're going to be subject to search and seizure. A warrant may be issued and you're house searched, your car searched, your computer searched. If this should happen, do not interfere with the police officers, you do not want charges of obstructing a police officer to complicate matters. The third warning has to do with talking to the police. Most people believe that if you don't talk to the police, the police will think you're guilty. Well it doesn't matter what they think, what matters is the evidence and the fact of the matter is that the police have been trained in the process called the Reed method of interrogation. Now you haven't heard about that before but let me tell you this back in the 30's and 40's the police could beat you with a rubber hose to get a confession. The Reed method of interrogation is a psychological rubber hose. You can be beaten with that psychological rubber hose and I guarantee you you'll confess to killing your mother, even if she's still alive, it's that powerful. That is why we tell people do not be interviewed, do not be subject to an interrogation. Refuse to be interviewed, refuse to be subject to an interrogation, ask for an attorney, assert your right to remain silent and you should do that whether you're guilty or innocent. What comes out of those interrogations can hurt somebody whose innocent.