

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN
YOU ARE BEING ACCUSED OF A
CRIME**

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If a student or parent has made an accusation against you, whether you are innocent or guilty, LFT strongly advises you:

- 1. *Do not speak with anyone* until you speak with an attorney.**
- 2. *Do not answer any questions* about the accusation or give any written or verbal statements to anyone until you speak with an attorney.**
- 3. If the police want to speak with you, state that you first want to speak with an attorney. (You have the right under the U.S. Constitution to remain silent. You should exercise this right, even if you are innocent!)**
- 4. You should give your name, address, and date of birth to the police if they request it.**
- 5. If the police ask you to sign a "Summons," sign it. This may avoid an arrest. By signing the Summons, you are not admitting guilt. You are only acknowledging that you are required to appear in court.**
- 6. The principal/supervisor has the right to request a written statement. Immediately contact your local LFT office or the LFT office. If you need additional time to prepare a statement, ask the principal.**