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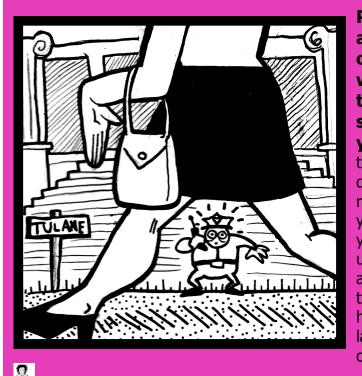
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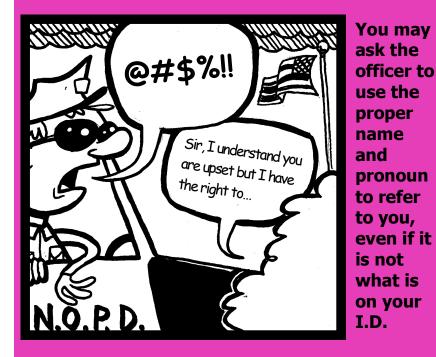
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**GOOD TO KNOW:** BreakOUT! is working to get a LGBTQ policy in the NOPD that says that NOPD officers have to call you by the name and pronoun that you prefer. In the meantime, they still have a Courtesy Policy that says they must be courteous, civil, and respectful in their conduct toward all persons.

It also says that the use of profane, vulgar or discourteous gestures or language in the presence of any

BreakOUT! members with a BreakOUT! I.D. card can show it to the police. While it does not replace a legal I.D., it may be a good first step in communicating with an officer and exercising vour rights.

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**WHENEVER** you are searched inappropriately.

**WHENEVER** the police disrespect you or don't call you by the right name or pronoun, even after you've told them.

We want to hear about when officers do something right, too. If an officer is particularly respectful, let us know!

WHY SHOULD I REPORT PROBLEMS WITH THE NOPD? IT WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

Every time you report a specific example or story about the NOPD, you are helping to **build our power**. BreakOUT! can use these stories to help advocate for policy changes and training. We can also advocate for disciplinary action to be taken against officers if the infractions are serious enough.

HOW CAN I REPORT ENCOUNTERS WITH THE NOPD? Have you taken our NOPD survey? Call us for more info! Report issues to BreakOUT! : Call (504) 473-2651 Come to our space at 1001 S. Broad St. #217 (M, W, F) File them online at www.youthbreakout.org Facebook us at www.facebook.com/youthbreakout Tweet us @youthBreakOUT \* You can report all complaints anonymously! \* THE POLICE ARE GOING TO STOP ME ANYWAY. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW MY RIGHTS?

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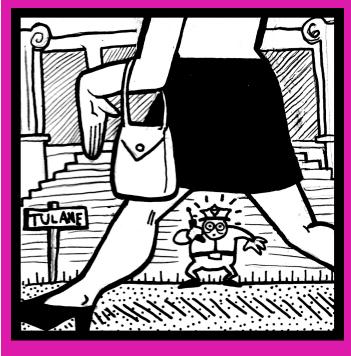
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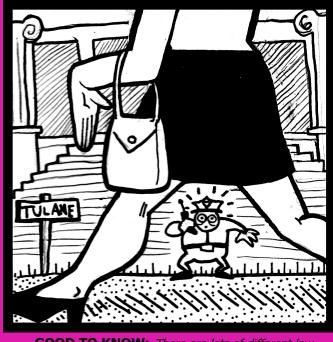
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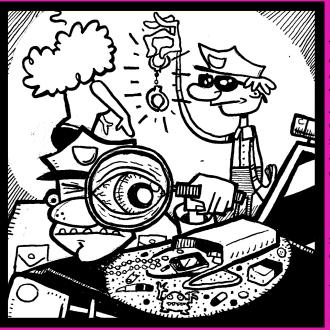
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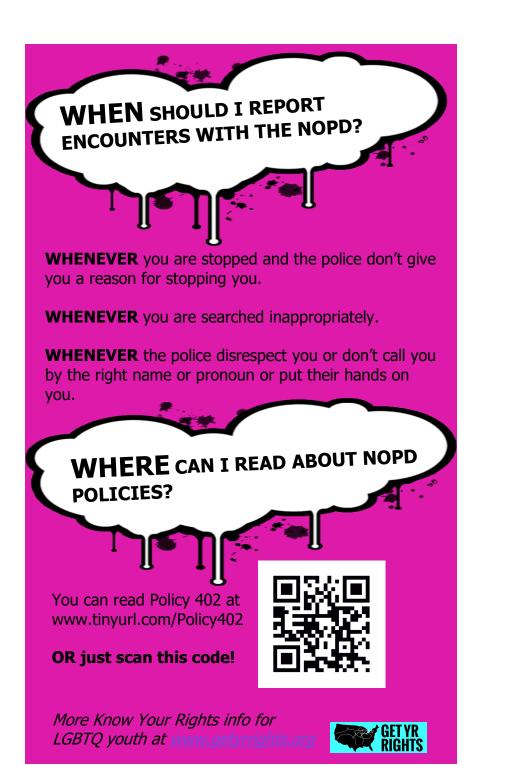
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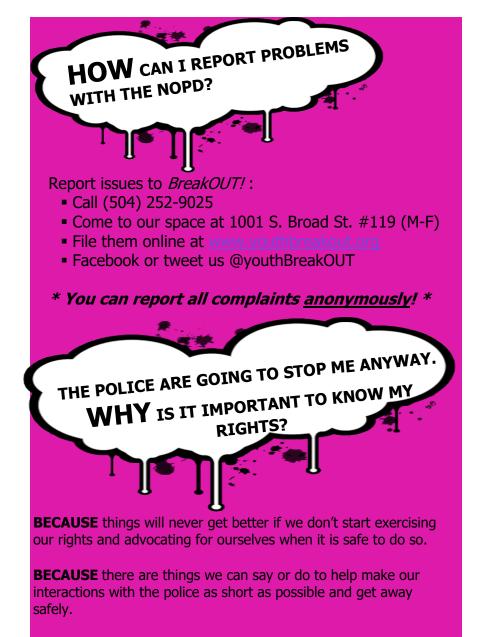




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#### **Consejos Generales De Seguridad:**

\* Algunas personas han llamado al 911 mientras estaban siendo acosados por la policía y se sentían inseguras. De esa manera sabían que la conversación estaría siendo grabada para su posterior uso en los tribunales. Otras personas han grabado discretamente la conversación en sus teléfonos celulares o han llamando a alguien para que pueda escuchar la conversación como testigos.

\* Conoce tus alrededores: si te para la policía y no te sientes segura, fijate si hay una tienda abierta, si hay cámaras para parar el crimen o cámaras de seguridad privadas u otras personas presentes.

\* Recuerda que la policía no siempre tiene que contestar con la verdad aunque tú no le puedes mentir a la policía.

\* Si usted está en una tienda y temé que puedan pararlo en camina a casa pida el recibo y llévelo en su mano.

\* Nuestro objetivo es siempre hacer que la interacción con la policía sea lo más corta y seguro que sea posible. La prioridad número 1 es su seguridad. Confía en tus instintos.

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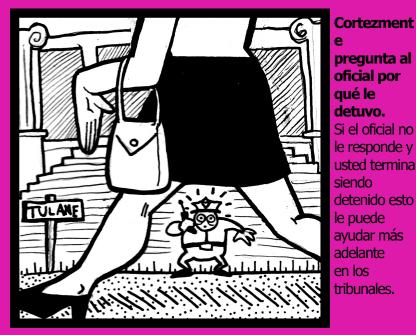
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#### SI USTED ES DETENIDO POR NOPD...



**ES BUENO SABER:** Hay muchas agencias diferentes encargadas de hacer cumplir la ley en Nueva Orleans, especialmente en el barrio Francés. Cada organismo tiene sus propias políticas. Pero no importa si usted es detenido por la policía estatal, las patrullas privadas o incluso la migración (ICE). SIEMPRE se puede preguntar porque ha sido detenido, no aceptar una revisión de sus pertenencias y permanecer en silencio y permanecer en silencio si lo interrogan.

#### UNA NOTA SOBRE "CAMINAR MIENTRAS ERESTRANGENERO":

"Caminar mientras erea transgenero" no es una sospecha razonable para detenerte. La policia de Nueva Orleans establece que la la politica 402 "Los agentes no utilizaran individuos con identidad de genero real o percibida o orientacion sexual como sospecta razonable o causa probable de que el individuo es o ha participado en algun delito." (Leer mas en www.tinyurl.com/Policy402)

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#### SI UN OFICIAL QUIERE REGISTRARTE A TY O TOS PERTENCENCIA



Dile cortesmente al official, yo no conciento a esta registracion aunque puede que el official lo register de todos modos. Decir esto podría avudarle mas adelante en los tribunales.

La Política 402 establece que los oficiales no deben someter a las personas transgeneros procesos mas invasivos o más frecuentes que cualquier otra persona. Nunca pueden registrarro(a) para determinas su sexo biologico o genital.



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**BUENO SABER:** La 4<sup>a</sup> enmienda nos protege de revisiones o registros irrazonables pero hay que decir en voz alta que no aceptamos. El quedarse callado es lo mismo que aceptar que lo registren.

# SI USTED ESTA BAJO ARRESTO

#### DEBE DEJAR DE HABLAR PORCOMPLETO. Todo lo

que diga sera usado en su contra. Decir "Me gustaria permanecer en cilencion hasta que yo pueda tiablar con un abogado una vez que este en corte consiga un abogado.

**ES BUENO SABER**, la 5<sup>th</sup> enmienda garantiza el derecho ala no autoincriminacion (dado informacion sobre si mismo que pordria meterlo en problemas) que le Brinda so derecho en permanecer en cilencio.

### **SI UN OFICIAL ES IRRESPETUOSO** CON USTED....

Mantener la calma. Tratar de no agravar la situacion, hace un movimiento brusco, o hablar de nuevo al oficial.



Usted puede pedir al official que utilice el nombre propio y el pronombre para referirse a usted, incluso si no es lo que esta en su identificacion.



**BUENO SABER:** La política 402 establece que los agentes tienen que utilizar su nombre de preferencia o pronombre. Si un agente policial no esta seguro de lo a usted le gustaría ser llamado, se supone que tienen que preguntarle de una manera cortes y profesional cómo referirse a usted.

La política 402 también establece que cuando se hace una revisión de tu cuerpo debe ser un oficial de tu mismo género. Asi que si usted es una mujer-trans, puede solicitar una oficial mujer para que la registre.

Búsqueda de genero para determinar su sexo o genero no están permitidos.

### SI EL OFICIAL SIEGUE HABLANDOLE A **USTED, PERO NO LE HA DADO UNA** RAZÓN PARA DETENERLO ...

Cortesmente pregunta al official "Soy libre de irme?"

# SI EL OFICIAL LE DICE QUE NO...

Contesmente pregunta, "Estoy bajo arresto?"

**SI EL OFICIAL** DICE QUE SI...

Cortesment e pregunta, "cual es el cargo?"





BUENO SABER: Es importante entender que la policía no está obligada a decirte cuando te puedes ir. Te pueden seguir haciendo preguntas. Legalmente puedes irte pero es tu decisión si es seguro hacerlo. Si físicamente tratan de prevenir que te vayas, no te resistas. Después explíquele a su abogado qué sucedió.

Florida v. Rover establece lo que si bien es legal para la policia para atacar v acercarse a una persona en base a so comportamiento. Ellos no puedan detener una persona sin order judicial.

CUANDO DEBO REPORTAR UN ENCUENTRO CON LA POLICIA DE NEW ORLEANS (NOPD)?

**CADA** vez que es detenido y la policía no le da una razón de por qué.

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DONDE PUEDO LEER ACERCA DE LA POLICIA DE NUEVA ORLEANS NOPD?

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O simplemente escanear el código.

Mas sepa informacion correcta para los jovenes LGBTQ en <u>www.getyrrights.org</u>!





Reporté los problemas a BreakOUT! :

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**POR QUE** hay cosas que podemos decir o hacer para ayudar a que nuestras interacciones con la policía sean lo más cortas posible y alejarse de forma segura.

**PORQUE** <u>incluso si no nos impide ser detenidos</u>, puede ayudar nos a pelear nuestros cargos luego en la corte.

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