

## When a Law is Broken

### Useful Words and Phrases You May Hear

#### Places and things

fire station  
police station  
police department  
bail  
illegal, legal  
judge  
missing electrical box cover  
malfunctioning outlets  
smoke detector  
fire alarm  
fire hazard

#### Stopped for a traffic violation or a crime

According to our radar, you were driving above the speed limit.  
Could I see your driver's license, proof of insurance, and automobile registration?  
I will have to issue you a ticket.  
You may appear in court or mail in payment with the ticket.  
Put your hands in the air.  
Put your hands behind your back.  
Turn around slowly.  
You may call a lawyer.  
You must appear at...  
You are innocent until you have been proven guilty.  
What did you witness?

#### Other complaints

There has been a complaint about noise.  
This is a domestic dispute.  
Was that your car alarm?

#### At the office or police station

May I help you?  
Take a number.  
This is the emergency number: 911  
Fill out this form: Sex, Age, Weight, Height, Race