

**LET ME
FINISH MY
SENTENCE**

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Mam, You have the right to remain silent. If you give up that right, anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney and to have an attorney present during questioning. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to you at no cost.



It was a vehicle pursuit involving one or more police officers attempting to apprehend a suspect who is fleeing to avoid arrest while operating a motor vehicle.

It looks like the suspect not only made the wrong choice but they also made the wrong turn.



A police report can be hearsay, which is inadmissible in court. This is an out-of-court statement introduced to prove the truth of the statement.

The driver failed her Field Sobriety Tests, she is in custody. The crime scene investigators will collect forensic evidence such as fingerprints, tire tracks, body fluids, hairs, fibers. . . This vehicle must be evaluated carefully.



Listen, were bringing in an arrest. Let's get her processed and fingerprinted so we can get her a transfer to central booking.

Absolutely, Sergeant.



In a case like yours, you will be held in central booking while the district attorney processes the case. As we anticipate the results of your fingerprints to return from Albany... I'd say in a couple of hours you will see an attorney.



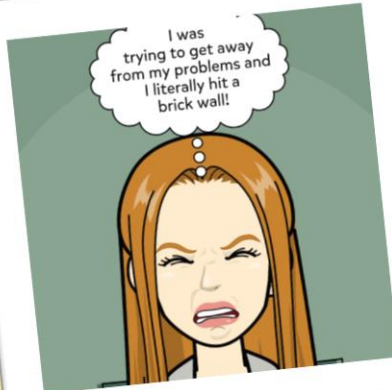
I am happy to talk to you but...

Thanks Officers, but I want an attorney.

You have the right not to communicate with an officer who questions you. You will be entitled to make a phone call, so your can contact whom you would like to be aware of what happened.



I was trying to get away from my problems and I literally hit a brick wall!



The arraignment is the first time in court in front of a Judge. This morning you will be told your charges against you and your rights.



As your attorney, we answer the charges by telling the court if you are guilty or not guilty. This is called the plea. Before the plea, the prosecutor and I will speak about settling the case without going to trial. This is called Plea Bargaining.



If you plead not guilty, you receive a court date for a hearing or trial. However, if you plead guilty, the court will decide your punishment.



Bail is the money produced to the court as a negotiation for the release of a defendant from jail and the defendant's obligation to come back for the next court date. An individual may be denied bail in serious felony cases or where the defendant has prior felony convictions.



I have been denied bail!

Right now, this may seem like a lot! You'll get some rest. This place has all the best resources for you. You will walk out of here in the future with your head high, proud! Rather than hanging in sadness, and shame. This is your time, you are worth it!

At a preliminary hearing, the prosecutor and I both present our case to the Judge with witnesses and evidence. The Judge will make an opinion if there is enough evidence that you committed a crime to continue the case against you.

Though, at the hearing, if evidence reveals you committed a crime other than the felony charged, the court may reduce the charges against you. In New York City cases frequently skip this hearing and the prosecutor pursues the case to a grand jury.

Um, no, I don't... I don't think I do.

Do you have anything on you that will poke me, prick me or cut me?

Strip searches and visual body cavity searches standard procedure when a body is being admitted for the first time into the correctional facility. This examination assist in seizing any contraband attempted to be smuggled into the facility.

I had to exchange my clothes for the county clothes. Prison uniforms are scrubs with a white T-shirt underneath. Scrubs come in various colors this helps secure inmates in the correct housing units, for identification purposes. It makes the facility a safer place.

You will notice there is a method for inmate classification. The female and male populations are always separated. Additional placement that provides treatment and rehabilitation, sentenced and un-sentenced inmates, etc. Classification is dependent on information received record checks and inmate interviews.

Child, you gon' be 'right. We are all in the same boat just different paddles.

N.Y.S be skipping the preliminary hearing and the prosecutor takes th case to the Grand jury. This ain't your trial. The grand jury decides whether there is sufficient evidence to p you on trial.

After an indictment, you are arraigned, a second time. Your charges, if you are guilty, or not guilty. Plead not guilty, you get a court date and your attorney and prosecutor begin pretrial discovery, motions, and hearings.

And it is possible your bail can be change and your attorney and the prosecuta may Plea Bargain. ¡Buena Suerte! (Good luck en Español).

When pretrial hearings are over and you plead guilty, your case will go to a jury part for trial, a judge or a jury will decide if the prosecutor has proven your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

¡Ay dios mio! (Oh My!) but if you are in jail and determined not guilty of the charge, then you have been acquitted of the accusations. You will be released from jail. If you are affirmed guilty, you've been convicted. Your case will later be adjourned for sentencing.

The sentence you receive will depend on lots of factors, including your background, the circumstances of the crime. Sentences combine jail or prison terms, probation, conditional discharge, unconditional discharge, restitution, and fines.



If you are convicted of more than one offense, or if you are currently on serving another sentence, you can receive concurrent sentences, which means that the sentences will run at the same time, or consecutive sentences, which means they will run one after the other.



LADIES, THE YARD IS CLOSED!

Let's go! Let's bring it in!



¿Que pasa, Rositá? (What's Up in Español)

Your gon' get through this! Head up!

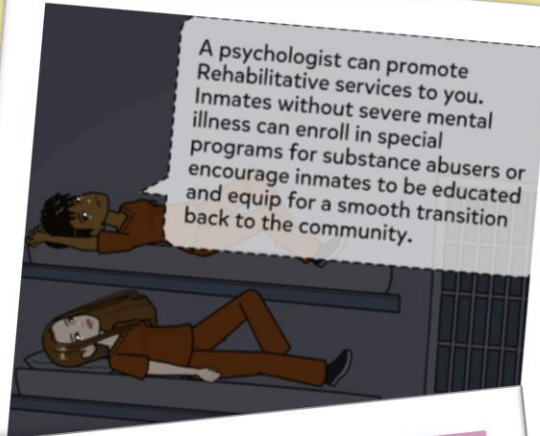


I miss my son.

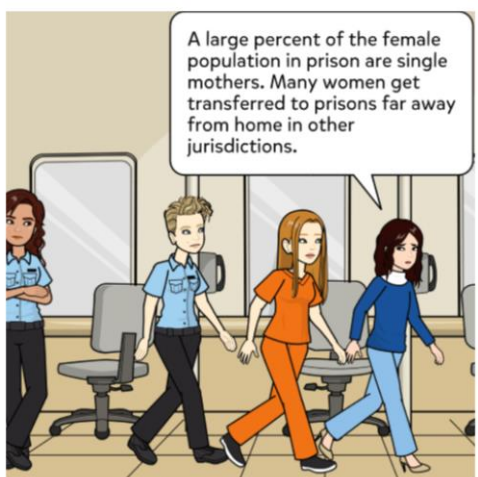


You could take advantage of the phone and even write letters. You might even get visitors.

A psychologist can promote Rehabilitative services to you. Inmates without severe mental illness can enroll in special programs for substance abusers or encourage inmates to be educated and equip for a smooth transition back to the community.



A large percent of the female population in prison are single mothers. Many women get transferred to prisons far away from home in other jurisdictions.



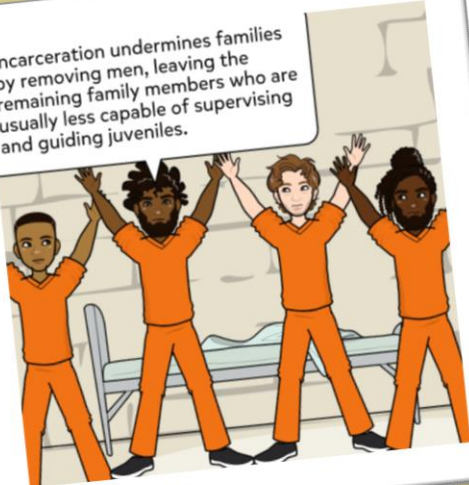
The frequency of incarceration leads to escalated issues in the inner cities.



Within inner cities, many men in the community have been incarcerated.



Incarceration undermines families by removing men, leaving the remaining family members who are usually less capable of supervising and guiding juveniles.



Technology utilized for Probation and parole can determine management and treatment approaches for those who retreat to prison. Information on releasees performance through community supervision is retrieved by the prisons and treatment programs, notifying program faculty of the results.



Although the time lost on the outside is irreplaceable, I've gained a new perspective on life. Thank you for letting me finish my sentence!

