

Police Interaction Witness Report

Thank you for helping to gather information about police interactions with people who are homeless.

Basic Information

Date of Report: ___ / ___ / ___

Name of Person Interacting with Police: _____ (if known)

Date of Birth: _____

Residential Address: _____
(Street Address) (Apt./Room/Bed #) (Zip)

Mailing Address: _____
(If Different) (Street Address) (Apt./Room/Bed #) (Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Interaction Information

Date of Interaction: ___ / ___ / ___ Time of Interaction: _____

Location of Interaction: _____
(Street Address or Intersection)

Officer Name/Badge Number/Descriptive Information: _____

Was there a citation issued? Yes / No If Yes, what kind? _____

Scan a COPY of the citation and email it to Meg Retz, Homeless Advocacy Project, at mretz@philalegal.org if possible or fax this form and the citation to 215-981-3866. Alternatively, bring citation to Project H.O.M.E. at 1515 Fairmount Ave and it will be scanned for HAP.

Was there an arrest? Yes / No If Yes, what was it for? _____

Additional Information

Name of person filling out form: _____

Relationship to Interaction (circle: Witness Third-Party Other: _____)

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Witness Statement

Please use this space (and as many other pages needed) to describe, in detail, the interaction you observed. Include information about the interaction itself, physical descriptions of the persons involved, descriptions of any vehicles, and **any** other helpful details.

See other side for helpful notes and additional space.

HELPFUL NOTES:

- Let the client know that the copy of their citation will be used to track any patterns of police abuse. Although we unfortunately cannot provide legal advice on the citation at hand, please be assured that (HAP) will be working to prevent any future citations from occurring.
- The client can call and talk to a (HAP) attorney.
 - Please call **(215) 523-9595** and ask to speak to **Meg Retz** or another available attorney.
 - *When calling, please explain that you have someone with you who has received a citation.*
- **IMPORTANT:**
 - You cannot tell someone they must go to their community court hearing, but you can tell them what might happen if they do not go.
 - You can say, *“If you fail to attend your hearing, you will be found guilty and will automatically receive a fine!”*

For information about housing and services, call the Philadelphia 24-Hour Homeless Outreach Hotline at 215-232-1984 or 1-877-232-1984 or come to 1515 Fairmount Ave.

*If there are any questions or concerns, contact Meg Retz, Homeless Advocacy Project Staff Attorney, mretz@philalegal.org, 215-523-9595/9592 (phone) or 215-981-3866 (fax)
or
Jennine Miller, Project H.O.M.E.’s Education & Advocacy Department,
215-232-7272, x3042, jenninemiller@projecthome.org,
1515 Fairmount Avenue*

Additional Notes:
