

**Excerpt from the Juvenile Defender Delinquency Notebook:  
A Case Preparation System for New Juvenile Defenders**

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## **Form F2B. Initial Arrest Questions**

***Who, what, when, where, why, & how?***

***At the end of a series of questions, it is often helpful to ask if your client has anything else to add to be sure you've gotten all the relevant information.***

Who was with the client when she was arrested?

Were they also arrested? *(Get witness information.)*

Was the client injured during or after arrest? *(If yes, describe the perpetrators, their conduct, and the resulting injuries in detail and have pictures taken of any injuries.)*

Did the client go to the hospital? If so, which one? For how long?

Did anyone treat the client for injuries? Who?

Were there any eyewitnesses? *(If so, get witness information.)*

When was the client arrested (date and time)?

Where exactly was the client arrested? *(Diagram separately, if possible.)*

Would the client be willing to go with you later to the scene of the arrest and show you where everything happened? *(If she is reluctant, explain that it will help you defend her case. In the event that your client's safety may be jeopardized, either ask another witness to go with you in person or go to the scene yourself, diagram and photograph the scene, and go over the diagrams and photographs with your client later.)*

Did the police have a warrant?

What did they say they were charging her with?

What question(s) did they ask her?

What did she say in response (to each question)?

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