Silence Really Is Golden

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We are, most of us, social beings. We have been taught since childhood to communicate when we want or need to resolve problems. That's why our natural impulse is to open up our big mouths and blab away when a police officer confronts us.

And that is exactly what we should never, ever do.

It has been estimated that at least 90% of the encounters we have with police are "fishing expeditions". They don't really have any probable cause to think you have committed any crime, but they will accost you just the same, and try to engage you in a conversation. They have been trained to get you to contract with them.

Here is an example: You are out in your driveway washing your car on a Saturday afternoon. By accident, some of the over-spray drenches a police officer who is walking by on the sidewalk. He's mad and now enters your private property and shouts at you.

"Are you assaulting a police officer? Seeking to incapacitate me?"

Your natural impulse is to stammer, "No, sir! I didn't see you. I was just washing my car...."

"Do you understand that what you have done is a criminal assault on a police officer? Do you understand that you have interrupted and obstructed me in the accomplishment of my duties?"

"I didn't mean to get you all wet, officer. I didn't even see you coming...."

In that short, innocent conversation, you have already "admitted" the following:

1. That he is a recognized authority --- by calling him "sir" and "officer".
2. That you did the "obstructive act" and "committed the assault" --- spraying him with water.

Now, all he has to do is hand-cuff you and haul you off to face felony level charges, and you are already on the record having admitted to all of it.

Do you see why silence really is golden, when dealing with the police?

This isn't the first time I have addressed this issue and probably won't be the last, but before I didn't have help driving it home with "more than words". Here is a wonderful and very short (three minute) video that demonstrates how you should answer all police inquiries with four little words:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mwSGvStf5M

"I don't answer questions."
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-7o9xYp7eE or go to YouTube and look up:  

"I Don't Answer Questions EXPLAINED".  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysdyhNIAVck

This gem shows actual real-life encounters and the happy results of using these four little words. Learn them and use them and go on with your lives in peace. They force the officer to evaluate --- on the spot --- whether they have probable cause to arrest you or not. 

And 90% of the time, the answer is "not".  

Combined with the Jester's Defense (if you are arrested and forced to plea) which consists of four more little words: "I am an idiot." you can easily turn the tables on them and beat them at their own game.

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