Role of a Constitutional Observer

Know your role. Protect Community Rights.

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WHAT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVER?

Constitutional Observers are trained practitioners of civil initiative who:

- Observe and document law enforcement interactions
- Inform individuals of their constitutional rights
- Share trusted support and legal resources

HOW CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVERS DOCUMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT

BEFORE & DURING AN INTERACTION

- Wear your Constitutional Observer badge
  *If you have one
- Clearly identify yourself verbally as a Constitutional Observer
- Stay at a safe distance (at least 8 feet)

WHAT TO DOCUMENT

- Record events using photos or video when safe
- Ask questions to ICE and witnesses about what's happening
- Ask ICE to present a signed judicial warrent

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INTERACTION

Take written notes about:

- Officers or agents present and their behavior
- Arrests or detentions
- Time, location, and environment

Collect names and contact information of:

- Witnesses
- Family members

IMPORTANT SAFETY GUIDELINES

No Obstruction

- Do not obstruct law enforcement under any circumstances
- Legal partners take the lead after observation
- Follow organizational safety protocols
- Know the risks and access the strategy

IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Stay calm

- Do not run or resist
- Ask: "Am I being detained?" and "Am I free to go?"

If detained or arrested

- Say clearly: "I want to remain silent and speak to a lawyer."

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