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Legal Aid Releases Know Your Rights Guide on Police Encounters for New Yorkers Protesting the Leaked SCOTUS Decision Overturning Roe v. Wade

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** released a Know Your Rights guide today on police encounters for New Yorkers protesting the leaked United States Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

This Know Your Rights guide advises New Yorkers on their rights as protesters; offers general information to those who are arrested; provides information on how to ensure digital security and how to prevent New York Police Department (NYPD) surreptitious DNA collection; describes the protections afforded by the Right To Know Act; details rights for photo and video recording; and explains how to proceed if your rights have been violated.

The full Know Your Rights guide is accessible here: <https://tinyurl.com/yfmxpm3s>.

“All too often, New Yorkers are unaware of their rights when protesting, which can have devastating consequences and lead to police abuse and contact with the criminal legal system,” said **Jennvine Wong, Staff Attorney with the Criminal Defense Practice’s Special Litigation Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “Given the New York City Police Department’s track record of responding to protest with violence, it is essential that those who choose to protest tonight and in the days ahead are fully informed and are prepared for a variety of scenarios.”

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