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SHOULD I PLEAD GUILTY?
HAVE YOU BEEN ARRESTED IN SEATTLE?

One of the most common questions asked after an arrest is "*Should I plead guilty*?" This is the most important questions that should be asked during the traumatic period of time following a criminal accusation, and your answer will have an impact on the rest of your life.

In most criminal cases, the defendant will be required to make a choice between a plea of guilty or not guilty. If a defendant chooses to admit guilt, he or she will be required to "allocate" before the judge, which involves admitting the crime and supplying sufficient details to satisfy the court that he is guilty. This is not always the requirement in a "no contest" plea case, but many times this is a requirement. Once you enter your plea of "guilty", there is no turning back. You must keep in mind that it is more difficult to set aside a guilty plea than a conviction after trial. Once you have admitted guilt and spelled out details of the crime, the chances of reversing such a conviction is very slim.

It is never wise to plead guilty without first seeking out the highest quality legal representation available to you. At Lewis & Laws, PLLC, we offer you the specialized legal counsel and dedicated representation that you need to make decisions about your case and other urgent issues that follow. The possibility of negotiating a plea or seeking another advantage for you, or defending your case in court, disappears once you plead guilty. You will automatically be given the punishment imposed by the court and these penalties, for a case involving a felony offense for example, will be extensive.

DISCUSS YOUR CASE WITH OUR LEGAL TEAM BEFORE PLEADING GUILTY

The opportunities you may have to seek certain advantages in the level of your charges and the possible sentence are lost when you plead guilty. Before you make a decision, your first action should be to discuss your case with a Seattle criminal defense lawyer from our firm. We can quickly and thoroughly review the situation and determine the best course of action for your case. Only a legal professional can inform you of the possible consequences of entering a guilty plea to a particular offense, and you must have this information before you plead guilty. This includes questions about the court costs you must pay, if you have to pay restitution to the victim, how long you have to pay the fine and court costs, and more.

When you contact our firm, we will move forward quickly to determine the strategy that will work best for you, and we are concerned with protecting your rights and your freedom. Over the years, we have seen many cases in which an accused individual pleaded guilty to charges that could have been successfully defended, and they are serving time and facing other repercussions that could have been avoided. Regardless of whether you have been arrested for a misdemeanor or a felony offense, it is imperative that you contact our firm before your case progresses any further. Don't discuss the details of your charges or your situation with anyone - including your family and friends, and definitely not with any investigator. You need to ensure that you do not compromise your defense case while under pressure and without an attorney to manage the situation for your benefit. Don't plead guilty! Call our firm today!

Contact a Seattle criminal defense attorney **from our firm before you plead guilty! Your case should be managed by our legal team including discussing your plea and your options.**