

Racial Profiling Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to address a variety of potential police encounters that may have been a result of racial profiling. If a question does not apply to you and your story, please skip it. Please be as detailed as possible in your responses for the questions that do apply.

Please choose one that best describes the reason you are filling out this questionnaire:

- a) ___ I was a driver who was pulled over.
- b) ___ I was a passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over.
- c) ___ I was approached by the police for something other than a traffic stop.

Please provide us the following information about the encounter:

- 1.) City where the incident occurred _____
- 2.) Location (street/intersection) _____
- 3.) Date _____
- 4.) Time of Day _____
- 5.) What police department did the officer work for?

- 6.) Did you get the name or badge number of the police officer involved?

Please tell us what happened during the course of the encounter:

- 1.) Please describe the events of the stop with as much detail as possible:

- 2.) Were you or the driver (if you were a passenger) given a reason for the encounter?

Yes ___ or No ___

- a. If yes, what was the reason?

- 3.) If this was a traffic stop, were you or the driver (if you were a passenger) asked to provide your driver's license, registration and proof of insurance?

Yes ___ or No ___

4.) If this was NOT a traffic stop, were you asked to provide identification?

Yes ___ or No ___

5.) Were you asked to provide any other documents?

Yes ___ or No ___

a. If yes, what documents? _____

6.) Were you questioned further? Yes ___ or No ___

a. If yes, please explain the type of questions asked:

7.) Were you or, in the case of a traffic stop, the vehicle you were in, searched?

a. ___ Yes, me

b. ___ Yes, car

c. ___ Yes, both

d. ___ Neither

8.) If the car was searched, did the officer ask permission to search it? Yes ___ or No ___

a. If a search was conducted, was anything found?

b. If no, did the police take any additional action?

9.) During the course of the police encounter, were you...?

a. ___ Given a verbal warning

b. ___ Given a ticket or citation

c. ___ Arrested

d. If yes to any of these things, for what offense were you warned/ticketed/arrested?

10.) Did the officer say or do anything that made you believe race played a factor in the encounter? Yes ___ or No ___

a. If yes, please explain.

11.) Were there any others with you when you were stopped or approached by the police?

Yes ___ or No ___

a. If yes, how many _____ and what is/are their race(s) _____

b. If yes, were they also questioned or searched?

i. ___ Yes, questioned

ii. ___ Yes, searched

- iii. Yes, questioned and searched
- iv. No
- c. If yes to part b, please explain in more detail.

- d. May we contact them? Yes or No
- e. If yes, please provide their contact information:

12.) Were there any other witnesses to the stop? Yes or No

- a. If yes, what are their names? _____
 - b. May we contact them? Yes or No
- If yes, please provide their contact information:

13.) How long did the entire traffic stop/encounter take? _____

14.) Did you make a complaint to any agency or organization about this stop or search?

Yes or No

- a. If yes, to whom did you make a complaint?

b. What, if anything, was their response?

15.) As a result of this incident, are you doing anything differently now when traveling, whether by car or by foot?

Yes or No

- a. If yes, please explain:

Do you have any additional comments?

Please provide us with your:

- 1.) Name _____
- 2.) Phone Number _____
- 3.) Address _____
- 4.) Email _____
- 5.) Age _____
- 6.) Sex _____
- 7.) Race or national origin _____

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. We will use your response to advocate for legislative measures that will protect individuals from discriminatory traffic stops and police encounters, to identify jurisdictions where we may challenge race-based traffic stops in court, and to educate the public about the problem of racial profiling.

However, we will keep your name, address, telephone number and email confidential unless you give us permission to use it. Do we have permission to use your name?

Yes ___ or No ___

We will also send you a copy of your responses so you will have a record of it as well.

Please understand that we are not in a position to provide legal advice or representation, so if you wish to pursue legal action, you should consult with a private attorney.

Do you have any other questions?

Thank you again for contacting us to tell us your story.

Completed questionnaires may be returned to:

RI ACLU
128 Dorrance Street
Suite 220
Providence, RI 02903
Fax: 401-831-7175

To speak with someone about a racial
profiling incident, call:

1-877-231-7171 (English)
1-877-527-3330 (Español)