Request for or Waiver of an Interpreter for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People
(Iowa Code 804.31)

Iowa law says that someone who is deaf or hard of hearing can have a sign language or oral interpreter before police ask you questions. We can get an interpreter for you. This is free.

Do you use sign language, speechreading, assistive listening devices or oral interpreters to communicate? Yes____ No____

Do you want an interpreter in order to talk to the officer?

_____ **Yes**. I want a sign language interpreter

_____ **Yes**. I want an oral interpreter because I only read lips; I do not sign.

_____ **No.** I do NOT want a sign language or oral interpreter. I will talk to officers without an interpreter.

Check all that are true:

___ I read lips.
___ I can hear, but not speak.
___ I can hear and understand when people speak loudly.
___ I use a hearing aid and I am wearing it now.
___ I use a hearing aid but I am not wearing it now.
___ I can understand and write messages in English.

I know that I can ask for an interpreter at any time. I will tell officers when I want an interpreter.

Please read the sentences below and sign if you agree:

No one has forced me to sign this form. I will talk to officers without an interpreter.

_____ _____ _____
Date Time Signature

To the officer: This does **not** replace the Miranda warning.

Date:_____

Time:_____ _____
Witnessing Officer

To obtain an interpreter, go to
http://www.judicial.state.ia.us/District_Courts/Court_Interpreters/Roster/ for a complete listing.

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