



**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PDS)**

# **PROTEST HOTLINE**

**(202) 824-2463**

**24 hours/day and 7 days/week**

**All calls are confidential and free of charge**

## **General Information**

**If you or someone you know has been arrested, has an open arrest warrant, or has been questioned by law enforcement related to protesting in DC, the Protest Hotline is available to answer your legal questions. All calls will be handled by a criminal defense attorney.**

**After speaking with you, our office may be able to provide full representation in your legal matter; however, speaking with an attorney on the Hotline and receiving preliminary advice is not a promise that PDS will be able to represent you in your case. If PDS is not able to represent you, the information received and provided during your call will remain confidential. When appropriate, PDS may be able to recommend outside service referrals.**

**The Hotline will also assist CJA and pro bono attorneys with general legal questions to support their clients dealing with issues related to protesting.**

## **Planned Protests**

**If you are a protest organizer, we encourage you to call the hotline at least a day in advance of your planned protest to help us ensure lawyers are available to answer any calls during the time of your planned event.**

**The Hotline is a service being offered on a pilot project basis through January 31, 2021**