Solidarity with migrants checked on the street!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE BEING STOPPED, AND YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS DOES NOT PUT YOU AT RISK, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU:

- MAKE THE PERSON AWARE THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS & THAT THEY CAN LEAVE!

- REMIND THE OFFICERS OF THE LAW! (SEE REVERSE)

- FILM THE INCIDENT, ASK THE PERSON STOPPED IF THAT’S OK, OR JUST FILM THE OFFICERS INVOLVED. THIS MAY BE USEFUL IN MAKING A CLAIM OF UNLAWFUL STOP OR ARREST.

- RECORD THE LAPEL NUMBERS OF THE OFFICERS INVOLVED

- MAKE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AWARE OF WHAT’S HAPPENING

- GET WITNESSES’ CONTACT DETAILS

- IF AN ARREST SEEMS LIKELY, PASS THESE PHONE NUMBERS TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND ASK FOR THEIR NAME

DETENTION ACTION
0800 587 2096

BID (BAIL FOR IMMIGRATION DETAINES)
02072 473 590

- TRY NOT TO GET AGGRESSIVE OR PHYSICALLY OBSTRUCT OFFICERS

BE PREPARED: HAVE A CAMERA READY IN YOUR BAG AND THE ABOVE NUMBERSS ALREADY WRITTEN ON A CARD.
HALLO.
 AS YOU SURELY KNOW,
 OUR MATES FROM UKBA AND OURSELVES
 HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING RAID
 ON MIGRANTS MORE OFTEN THESE DAYS.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE HERE TO SERVE AND PROTECT,
 (BLAH BLAH BLAH)
 IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT WE OFTEN
 GET A BIT OVEREXCITED
 AND NEGLECT TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES.

SO HERE ARE A FEW TIPS FOR YOU TO
 REMIND US OF WHAT OUR OWN GUIDELINES SAY

1) IMMIGRATION CHECKS
 CANNOT BE SPECULATIVE
 WE (UKBA AND POLICE) MUST HAVE REASON TO
 BELIEVE A PERSON MAY BE AN IMMIGRATION
 OFFENDER BEFORE STOPPING AND
 QUESTIONING THEM

2) WE CANNOT STOP AND QUESTION
 A PERSON ON THE BASIS OF RACE,
 (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EQUALITY ACT 2010)

3) IF WE STOP SOMEONE,
 THEY DON’T HAVE TO ANSWER ANY
 QUESTIONS OR SHOW IDENTIFICATION.

4) THEY CAN WALK AWAY

WHAT’S MORE, OUR MATES AT UKBA ARE WELL
 PISSED OFF BECAUSE
 IMMIGRATION OFFICERS
 MUST NOW FOLLOW A PROCEDURE
 BEFORE QUESTIONING:

- THEY MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES &
 SHOW A WARRANT CARD;

- THEY MUST EXPLAIN THE REASON
 FOR THE QUESTIONING

- THEY MUST ADVISE THE PERSON THAT
 THEY ARE NOT OBLIGED TO ANSWER
 ANY QUESTIONS

- THEY MUST ADVISE THE PERSON
 THAT THEY ARE NOT
 UNDER ARREST AND ARE FREE
 TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME
 (PARA 31.19.5 CHAPTER 31)

SURE, ALL OF THIS
ISN’T A GUARANTEE THAT
WE WILL NOT ARREST YOU
OR ABUSE OUR POWERS,
BUT IF WE SEE
THAT YOU KNOW THE LAW,
WHO KNOWS, WE MAY
EVEN
ABIDE BY IT.

SO,
WHEN
SPEAKING TO IMMIGRATION
OFFICERS, YOU CAN REMIND THEM
OF "CHAPTER 31 UKBA
OPERATIONAL ENFORCEMENT
MANUAL", WHICH THEY MUST
FOLLOW AND WHICH IS WHERE
ALL THE UKBA GUIDANCE
ON THIS CARD IS
TAKEN FROM.