

### **Precis of The Judges Rules**

As soon as you have evidence which would afford reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person has committed an offence, caution (a):

When charged or told that he may be prosecuted for an offence, caution (b):

Only in exceptional cases should you question the person after caution (b) is given, but before you do, give caution (c) and a contemporaneous record is then required:

#### **Written statements:**

First invite person to write statement himself, Before he writes statement, ask him to write and sign caution (d):

If he wants police officer or other person to write statement, first get him to sign under caution (e): At the conclusion of the statement under (e), ask the person to read statement and to make corrections, alterations or additions. Then ask him to add and sign Certificate (f).

#### **Caution to be used:**

- (a) You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so but what you say may be put into writing and given in evidence.
- (b) Do you wish to say anything? You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so but whatever you say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.
- (c) I wish to put some questions to you about the offence with which you have been charged (or about the offence for which you may be prosecuted) You are not obliged to answer any of these questions but if you do the questions and answers will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.
- (d) I make this statement of my own free will. I have been told that I need not say anything unless I wish to do so and that whatever I say may be given in evidence.
- (e) I..... want to make a statement. I want someone to write down what I say. I have been told that I need not say anything unless I wish to do so and that whatever I say may be given in evidence.
- (f) I have read the above statement and I have been told that I can correct alter or add anything I wish. This statement is true. I have made it of my own free will.

(For details of which caution is to be used, see over).