

# THEY'RE MY RIGHTS!

## INFORMATION SHEET

### ***Bill of Rights:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Amendments added to the Constitution
- Adopted in 1791
- Added protections for the people
- Protected people's rights from interference by the national government.

### ***First Amendment:***

1. Four forms of expression: speech, press, assembly, petition
  2. Supports democracy through development of an informed public
  3. Exposes people to different points of view
  4. Advances knowledge
- Provides opportunity for peaceful change in society

### ***Rights people have when they are suspected or accused of crimes:***

- Fourth Amendment: reasonable search and seizure, warrants
- Fifth Amendment: no self-incrimination, no double jeopardy, due process (fair methods and procedures in gathering information, making decisions, and enforcing the law)
- Sixth Amendment: speedy public jury trial, know what you're accused of, right to question accusers, right to a lawyer
- Eighth Amendment: bail, fair fines, no cruel or unusual punishment