

You(th) Have Rights

understanding giving false information to the police



Is it illegal to lie to police?

Yes. It is against the law to give a false name, birth date, or identification.

What can happen if I get caught giving false information to police?

Youth can be given a citation or petition to go to juvenile court. Giving false information to police can be added to other offenses or charged on its own. Giving false information to police is a misdemeanor.

Giving police the name of another real person is a gross misdemeanor. That means it can be punished by up to 90 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine. The prosecutor may decide a diversion program is the best way to address the situation.

For more information, go to www.tubman.org.



**Telling
police your
nickname
is not
illegal.**

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Sources: University of St. Thomas Community Justice Project, Homeless Youth Handbook, Minn Stat 609.506