

New York Police Start Videotaping Interrogations, a Policy Change Backed by New York Civil Rights Violation Attorney

Newly adopted state guidelines allow police to videotape interrogations in an effort to decrease claims of police misconduct and to protect suspects from making false confessions.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — December 25, 2010 – In an effort to protect against convictions reached from [false confessions](#) and to protect officers from claims of coercion and [police misconduct](#), suspect interrogations can now be recorded on video tape. The filming can be done with hidden cameras or ones in plain view, according to new state guidelines.

Each New York City Police Department can decide whether they want the camera to be hidden or not.

The guidelines also require interrogators to tell the suspect — if the suspect asks — whether he or she is being recorded. If the crime suspects do not ask, they will not know if they are being videotaped when questioned by police. The guidelines are set so there will be no issue on [claims of police misconduct](#) regarding a suspect's rights on videotaping.

“Both defendants and police deserve the protection of videotaping in New York,” [civil rights violation attorney](#) David Perecman said. “It’s win-win in that police are protected from claims of police misconduct and [suspects are protected from police harassment](#) in the interrogation room.”

A 1993 study published by the National Institute of Justice, found that since the adoption of videotaping in criminal interrogations, claims of police misconduct were reduced.

“Not all false confessions are the product of police misconduct,” clarified [New York civil rights violation attorney](#) Perecman.

Pilot programs in the Bronx and Brooklyn are scheduled to begin next year. According to the New York Post, almost all of New York's counties have started taping some felony interrogations.

Videotaping suspects is a policy change that was recommended by the New York Civil Liberties Union's Nassau County Chapter and agreed with by New York civil rights violation attorney David Perecman.

If your [confession has been obtained falsely by law enforcement](#), or you have been the victim of a [civil rights violation in New York](#), [contact a civil rights violation lawyer](#) at The Perecman Firm.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York civil rights violation attorneys, policy brutality, false arrest, and police negligence lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed many types of cases. David Perecman, founded his Firm in 1983 after winning a \$600,000.00*** verdict in an unlawful detention case. He is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2011.

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The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

*** later settled for \$90,000.00

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