

16-81-117. Interpreters for deaf persons who are arrested.

(a) If a person who is deaf is arrested for a criminal offense and taken into custody, the arresting law enforcement officer and his or her superiors shall procure a qualified interpreter in order to properly interrogate the deaf person and to interpret the person's statement.

(b) If a qualified interpreter is not present when a deaf person makes a statement while in custody for an arrest, the statement is not admissible in court.

History. Acts 2013, No. 237, § 5.