

Factsheet for the accused

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The key points for you are:

- As your duty defence lawyer, I am completely **independent from the public prosecutor or any other public authorities** and am **obliged only by your best interest**.
- I am subject to the **attorney-client privilege**. Everything you tell me will remain absolutely confidential.
- As an accused you are entitled, at any time, to **refuse to make a statement** or to refuse to **cooperate** in the criminal proceedings.
- We will plan a **defence strategy** together. Do not make **any statement to the police or the public prosecutor without prior discussion** with me.
- You can **contact me anytime** at **062 916 50 00 / 031 326 71 71**.

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- The public prosecutor is having all your correspondence, in particular your letters, monitored by the prison officers. Therefore **do not write anything regarding the on-going criminal proceedings** that could be used against you. Only letters to me directly are covered by attorney-client privilege. You must write "Anwaltspost" (lawyer's correspondence) on the envelope in order for the public prosecutor not to read them.
- In case of **medical or any other problem** during your arrest please contact the **prison staff**.