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What you're trying to do is not have that criminal record. I mean, it is well worth it not to have a criminal record to hire an attorney if you can accomplish that. The way that the court system runs and the way that it works, it's just hard for a person. And judges know this. Prosecutors know this. They're very good about when a person comes in front of them, they might say, "Don't you need a lawyer?" Or, "Do you want a continuance for a lawyer?" Because people should be represented. Every one of us that works in the system, from prosecutors to judges to defense attorneys, we all know this. Sometimes, people don't realize that. We sit in court and see people doing and you go, "Oh no." Because you see them doing things that you're like, "Please don't do that." But that's their choice. But it's not a good choice. So, don't walk in there without an attorney.