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<https://www.youtube.com/post/Ugkxe6uFJIsD85k61sKOKr2-NB3X-79ktlXm>



BlackBeltBarrister 7 days ago

Is it appropriate for a witness to come forward and approach the CPS when it makes a charging decision to provide critical information for that decision?

2.2K votes



Yes

87%



No

13%



122



72 Comments



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@magistratesblog7928 7 days ago

I think most witnesses would be totally oblivious to the significance of their evidence in any charging decision.



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@Craig-wp3pz 7 days ago

We need an 'dunno Guv' box please 🙏



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 **@Tedi652** 6 days ago

No we don't

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 **@Craig-wp3pz** 6 days ago

[@Tedi652](#) 'Ohhh Yes We Dooooo!

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 **@Andrew..Widdop** 6 days ago

It's your first impression. Personally I would like the CPS to take all factors into account including witnesses and the impact

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 **@cliffharrison6879** 3 days ago

Don't answer if you don't know lol

 2  Reply



@bobikdylan 7 days ago

Question unclear.

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@jimslade19721 7 days ago

How would this possibly work? CPS lawyers are not expected to investigate crime. There's the plod for that.

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@mrgrumpy9077 7 days ago

I have no idea what you're talking about 🤔

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@alexmarshall4331 7 days ago

I agree TOTALLY 👉💎👉!!

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@user-sr2vm4bk8k 7 days ago



We are not dumb, we just know other stuff!

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@cindyfaulkner5725 7 days ago

Same here


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@richards9750 7 days ago

Neither do 87% of people


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 **@jamisouthard9211** 7 days ago
Child protective services 😊


 1  **Reply**

 **@fattony986** 7 days ago
[@jamisouthard9211](#) crown prosecution service.

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 **@bobfry5267** 7 days ago
Surely this is a legal requirement. Failure to do so is withholding evidence and perverting the course of justice.

 2  **Reply**


 **@vanessac1721** 7 days ago
Too little info/context.

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 **@joeyglewnston** 7 days ago
Rather have someone late to the party to give evidence than having someone prosecuted for something they haven't done or someone getting away with something they have done

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 **@DavidJohnson-yg8qm** 5 days ago
Courts need complete honesty and if a miscarriage is going to take place through deliberate action by the prosecution then the CPS needs this information to present it for the benefit of justice. No nondisclosure agreements should be tolerated or deemed to be acceptable under these circumstances.

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 **@IceAce1** 7 days ago
It's not ideal to use legalese acronyms for these quick interaction questions.


 16  **Reply**

 **10 replies**

 **@InhabitantOfOddworld** 7 days ago (edited)
Such as? The only acronym here is CPS, and every man and his dog knows that it stands for Crown Prosecution Service

Do you understand what FBI means, or do we have to say Federal Bureau of Investigation ...

 3  **Reply**

 **@daphnegeorge7481** 7 days ago
Sorry, I don't really understand the question.

 3  **Reply**



@philiprhodes5537 7 days ago

[@InhabitantOfOddworld](#) I think what he's trying to say is that all of these bodys such as cps are all governing under the legalease system which is correct and that system has its own wording to entrap you into contracting with police and courts under their system of legalease.. There are legalease dictionary's I believe which explain what these phrases all mean and how they affect you individually if you choose to contract under these terms..

If your arrested for instance the police will tell you your under arrest for section x of such ans such law which is legislative law or rules not actual laws and at the end of reading your rights they say "do you understand" what that means in actual terms is "do you stand under my authority" and if you reply yes then you are contracting with said officer to be under his authority and face consequences as charged..

You obviously have little knowlage of this parallel system altho its not through lack of intelligence just that the police the courts and cps will never tell You it actually exists..

Only told what they want you to know so you contract with them everytime and I know a police sergeant who told me this a long time ago they have to use specific wording in order to get you to contract verbally with them..

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@markkennedy2086 7 days ago

[@philiprhodes5537](#) There no "contract" between you and the police if you do something to warrant being arrested. Our criminal justice system requires that if you are arrested you are given a specific reason for that arrest (or stop and search in some cases). You don't have a right of refusal either. The specific reason for the arrest is there for your legal counsel so tha...



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@InhabitantOfOddworld 7 days ago (edited)

[@markkennedy2086](#)

YouTube has shadowed my previous reply to him, but yes that is correct. He's just talking conspiratorial nonsense. Act and section is to specify the offence, and ensuring a detainee understands their rights is nothing to do with submission. I'd love to know which sergeant he's heard from off the grape vine, because I actually do work in the police and often have to deal with these kinds of conspiratorial types in custody.

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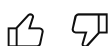


@IceAce1 7 days ago (edited)

I was referring to the CPS acronym, yes. If you scroll through the comments, you will see a number of queries for the topic. That's because BBB (we all know that acronym) joted the question in a hard to grasp manner to answer en passant. Most viewers will not have had contact with the CSP, but know the FBI exists from Hollywood series. I have a British university education which included some law and still stumbled over it.

Anyway, I'm curious now how he answers it in a clip and enjoyed reading your thoughts on it too, [@philiprhodes5537](#)

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@InhabitantOfOddworld 7 days ago

[@IceAce1](#)

That's only because people aren't sure whether it's appropriate for a witness to behave in that manner, not because they don't know what the CPS is. Pretending that people who follow a UK barrister don't know what the CPS is, is like following cooking shows and restaurants but not knowing what the Michelin guide and Michelin stars are.

It just comes with the territory and is well-known to the public

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@garyb47 7 days ago

[@InhabitantOfOddworld](#) The first use of an acronym in a text should have the meaning of the acronym. Any further uses of it only require the acronym. Depending on where it is used, there may be many different meanings and contexts of an acronym.



Reply



@InhabitantOfOddworld 7 days ago (edited)

[@garyb47](#)

Not necessarily when it is clear within the context. It would be apparent to most normal-minded people, seemingly not you, that a UK Barrister is talking about the Crown Prosecution Service and not the Convention Panafricaine Sankariste in Burkina Faso



Reply



@davidwinn5733 6 days ago

Yes from me I thought if charged that would be another for CPS to confirm guilty plea?



Reply



@TheMissPoovey 7 days ago

How do you know you have critical info? I'm thinking giving info is positive, but walking over and putting your nose in is kinda crazy sounding. The job of any charging authority is to investigate the claims, I would think that would include asking neighbors.



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@DovidM 6 days ago

Let's say that the witness is a Deliveroo driver. It would be difficult to track down which non-residents were in the area at the time of the incident.



Reply



@l3v1ckUK 5 days ago

How can it not be appropriate for a witness to provide evidence that may affect a decision like that? The decision should be based on as many facts as possible.



Reply



@gemgal711 7 days ago



It would depend on the situation.

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@hevchip741 5 days ago

They should go to the police handling the case.

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@mary-kittybonkers2374 7 days ago

Shouldn't they go to the Police SIO before the CPS so that the new information can be investigated. BTW, I don't know the answer to the above question, I'm just thinking aloud.

 2  Reply



@dirtyburtysgraffcafe5030 5 days ago



Isn't it the job of the police to provide that said critical information through witness statements evidence found etc after the crime ... they can't really make an arrest in the first place without it? If it critical to the prosecution then shouldn't it already be within the evidence given to the cps in the first place? What can a witness say to the cps they wouldn't of already told police?

 1  Reply



@user-zu6ir6kj5g 5 days ago

Presumably, as a witness they would have already spoken candidly with the cops. Does the question imply that they may not have taken the import of the witness' statement seriously, or misrepresented it to the CPS, thus making it necessary for the witness to bypass the cops and speak directly with the CPS?

  Reply



@matthewm1149 7 days ago

Shouldn't the courts do that in their evidence and the cps determin weather he is fit for jail.i thought a sentence was handed down from a judge not cps ??? How does a normal regular court work ??? I'm not on about crown court



 1  Reply



@sylviodante619 6 days ago

Why are they approaching the cps?



Why haven't the police already interviewed them to assess what everdence they have and it's value?

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@501sqn3 5 days ago



A potential witness would need to approach the Police, not the CPS.

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@user-en2oy3dy9k 7 days ago

If the Crown Prosecution Service is separate from police, and a witness has evidence of police corruption or interference in the evidence, then surely an approach to CPS would be valid reason. OK I am not trained in law so your question raised a dunno in my mind, and someone also raised another box saying Not sure could be appropriate in some situations.

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@secretsquirrel6124 7 days ago (edited)

Corrupt police need going on a UK version of the US Brady list

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@davidmarchant9386 5 days ago

No you approach the police

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@chrisclark6705 5 days ago

Witnesses can be coerced and intimidated so whatever happens involving witnesses needs to be strict and very controlled.

Reply



@sammi 5 days ago

We need "what the hell you talking about box" 😂

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@davidmarchant9386 5 days ago

Well just says you not british. CPS stands for Crown Prosecution Service... they make the final choice wether your case goes to court or not

Reply



@vipertwenty249 7 days ago

Yes, but the person must then give evidence in a court of law so that the veracity of that evidence be duly examined.

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@aindriasoh-eineagain7499 6 days ago

Wouldn't make any difference if starmer had still been at the helm. A 'nothing to do with me' seemed to be his attitude.

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@Navi1Lo 7 days ago

I thought it was the police's responsibility to gather the evidence?

1 Reply



@industrialmonk 7 days ago



Yes because my Christmas present was a letter from the police stating that extortion is legal and that harassment only becomes a police matter when you have been stabbed good work police.

1 Reply





@damianleah6744 5 days ago

I assume you would inform the police, but what are the protocols? Is it possible to contact the CPS directly of do you have to go to the police first? Do they always forward relevant information on? Probably not if it hurts their case.

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| @501sqn3 5 days ago
Yes Police first.

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@GG-kp4gy 7 days ago


The CPS is theoretically independent of the police.

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@user-tt9cs4ui3c 6 days ago



I guess any evidence, either positive or negative needs to be given to the officers in charge of the investigation after all they are in the position to know if the evidence is positive or negative or even if it's relevant, that way you can feel assured that you "did your bit"

  Reply



@andrewstorm8240 5 days ago

All these questions

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@Saveourecosystem 7 days ago

What would be the offence if someone filmed something and shared it around social media and then told people that they will see me in court and even though the police have not shared the vid but others have would this hurt my defence or the prosecution because of evidence before the court has been shared far and wide before case goes to court? What can 1 do if the said video is used when ...



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@Gary0557 5 days ago

You'd think yes, but any new evidence is probably inadmissible until it comes to court. (

(You can see I've been watching too much Law and Order..

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| @501sqn3 5 days ago



....all and any evidence can be used to form the basis of a case it is for the court to decide whether or not a piece of evidence is inadmissible?, It can't be inadmissible (officially), until it is presented to the court.

 1  Reply



@FixerofEverything 7 days ago

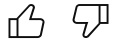
I don't see the point of this, if the CPS decides to prosecute then the witness will be heard in court anyway and any evidence tested and put to the jury

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@mcwolfbeast 7 days ago

I'm sorry, but isn't it *a*/ways appropriate for a witness to come forward with relevant information to a case in any situation?

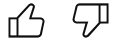


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@firefly01 6 days ago

I have no idea what this means

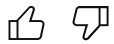


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@googlecontrolled 7 days ago

Censorship in action I see as my earlier comment has been removed. So much for free speech and discussion.

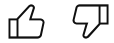


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@njfish89 7 days ago (edited)

Please don't use this poll to make critical changes to the legal system. Many of us lack the necessary training required to make informed decisions in this area :)

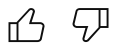


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@davidwinn5733 6 days ago

CPS the crown prosecution service are different kettle of fish NCA nobody is smarter than NCA MI5 MI6 most barristers work with the crown prosecution service just incase something iffy is going on
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