

## **Corroboration of Statements**

Under our law, a person may not be convicted of an offense solely upon evidence of a confession or admission made by that person, without additional proof that the offense charged has been committed.<sup>1</sup>

This law is designed to make sure that a person is not convicted, by his/her own words, of a crime that did not take place.<sup>2</sup> Thus, you may not convict the defendant solely on his/her own statement(s). There must be some additional proof that the crime(s) charged was/were committed.

1. CPL § 60.50; See *People v Booden*, 69 N.Y.2d 185 (1987); *People v Daniels*, 37 N.Y.2d 624 (1975).

2. See *People v Lipsky*, 57 N.Y.2d 560 (1982).