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Sennett Devermont is a Los Angeles native, community activist, civil rights advocate, and founder of Mr. Checkpoint — a platform he created in 2011 to empower people through information, education, and awareness of their rights.

Sennett has been a member of the ACLU since 2017. The organization and its work defending civil liberties inspired him and helped shape his belief that the rights and freedoms guaranteed in this country are only meaningful when people understand, exercise, and defend them.

Through Mr. Checkpoint and AFTP (Always For The People) Foundation, Sennett has spent more than a decade working to turn the pain and chaos of systemic injustice into transparency, accountability, and whatever measure of justice can be achieved.

At the center of his work is a simple belief that the same encounter with authority can have drastically different consequences — not because the facts are different, but because someone knew their rights, exercised them, documented what happened, and had the tools to hold those in power accountable.

That mission also extends into the courtroom. Sennett wants to change the way people think about jury duty and, quite simply, make jury duty cool. Rather than viewing it as an inconvenience, he wants people to understand the extraordinary power of being one of 12 people who can forever change someone's life and impact justice in their own community.

Today, while continuing his advocacy and attending law school, his mission remains: empowering people with the tools to exercise their rights and turn information into empowerment, transparency into accountability, and injustice into the possibility of justice.

A message from Sennett: “Know your rights and exercise them. Always film the police. Refuse unlawful searches. Invoke your right to remain silent and ask for an attorney. Your freedom may depend on it. And when that jury summons comes, show up. Be the one in 12 to forever change someone's life in your own community. With your help, we can continue turning pain into transparency, transparency into accountability, and accountability into justice. An informed community is a safer, more empowered community. Know your rights, exercise them, and show up for your community.”

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