Language Identification Guide

I speak...

This language identification guide is a tool for law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies to identify the language of individuals they encounter who do not speak English.

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The Purpose of This Language Identification Guide

As the limited English proficient (LEP) population continues to increase in the state of Ohio and nationwide, the number of LEP defendants, victims, and witnesses processed through the Ohio criminal justice system will also increase. This guide can help to obtain interpretive services, which is the first step in working with LEP persons. It is also intended as a resource for the criminal justice community to ensure consistent and effective interaction with LEP persons.

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A

Arabic
أنا أتحدث اللغة العربية

Armenian
Ես խոսում եմ հայերեն

B

Bengali
আমী ঝংলা কথা ঝেলতে পারী

Bosnian
Ja govorim bosanski

Bulgarian
Аз говоря български

Burmese
ကျွန်တော်/ကျွန်မ မြန်မာ လို ပြောတတ် ပါတယ်။

C

Cambodian

ខ្ញុំនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ

Cantonese

我講廣東話 (Traditional)

我讲广东话 (Simplified)

Catalan

Parlo català

Croatian

Govorim hrvatski

Czech

Mluvím česky

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D

Dari

من دری حرف می زنم

Dutch

Ik spreek het Nederlands

F

Farsi

من فارسی صحبت می کنم

French

Je parle français

G

German

Ich spreche Deutsch

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G

Greek
Μιλώ τα ελληνικά

Gujarati
હુ ગુજરાતી બોલુ છુ

H

Haitian Creole
M pale kreyòl ayisyen

Hebrew
אני מדבר עברית

Hindi
मैं हिंदी बोलता हूँ ।

Hmong
Kuv has lug Moob

Hungarian
Beszélek magyarul

I

Ilocano
Agsaonak ti Ilokano

Italian
Parlo italiano

J

Japanese
私は日本語を話す

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K

Kackchiquel
Quin chagüic´ká chábal´ ruin´ rí tzújon cakchiquel

Korean
한국어 합니다

Kurdish
man Kurdii zaanim

Kurmanci
man Kurmaanjii zaanim

L

Laotian
ຂ້ອຍປາກພາສາລາວ

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Latvian
Es runâju latviski

Lithuanian
Að kalbu lietuviškai

M

Mandarin
我講國語 (Traditional)

我讲国语/普通话 (Simplified)

Mam
Bán chiyola tuj kíyol mam

Mon
အဲ ပဦ အရေစ်မည်

N

Norwegian
Jeg snakker norsk

P

Persian
من فارسی صحبت می کنم.

Polish
Mówię po polsku

Portuguese
Eu falo português do Brasil
(for Brazil)

Eu falo português de Portugal
(for Portugal)

Punjabi
ਮੈਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦਾ/ਬੋਲਦੀ ਹਾਂ।

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Q

Qanjobal
Ayin tí chí wal q´anjob´al

Quiche
In kinch´aw k´uin ch´e quiche

R

Romanian
Vorbesc româneşte

Russian
Я говорю по-русски

S

Serbian
Ја говорим српски

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S

Sign Language (American)

Slovak
Hovorím po slovensky

Somali
Waxaan ku hadlaa af-Soomaali

Spanish
Yo hablo español

Swahili
Ninaongea Kiswahili

Swedish
Jag talar svenska

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T

Tagalog
Marunong akong mag-Tagalog

Thai
พูดภาษาไทย

Turkish
Türkçe konuşurum

U

Ukrainian
Я розмовляю українською мовою

Urdu
میں اردو بولتا ہوں

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V

Vietnamese
Tôi nói tiêng Việt

W

Welsh
Dwi'n siarad

X

Xhosa
Ndithetha isiXhosa

Y

Yiddish
איך רעד יידיש

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Yoruba
Mo nso Yooba

Z

Zulu
Ngiyasikhuluma isiZulu

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