



Interview and Interrogation
From investigation through Prosecution

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**INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION OF SUSPECT:
STATEMENT EVIDENCE**

L.E. Function

- Interrogation is like selling a product
- Locking someone into a story
- Timelines (suspect's presentation of the sequence of events)
- Suspect's version vs. what is known based on evidence



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TWO PRONGS OF MIRANDA
(important so that *suspect statement evidence* can be used in trial)

- Custody
 - Freedom of movement is restrained
 - Officer safety concerns
- Interrogation
 - Questions designed to elicit an incriminating response



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Who is our suspect?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Homicide • CSAM • Physical Abuse • Sexual Abuse 1. Intrafamilial 2. Authority Figure 3. "NICE GUY" 4. Community Standing 	<p>Commonalities vs. Differences</p> <p>Internal struggle</p> <p>Want to tell their story</p> <p>They are smarter than us</p> <p>Maintaining their public persona</p>
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Where Did Our Suspect Come From?

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>EMOTIONAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and upbringing • History of abuse or trauma • Socio-economic Background • Educational Level • Psychological Issues which may alter communication and or reasoning • Relationship history, duration, and why they ended 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PHYSICAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of multiple frequent address changes • Possibly a serial offender • Past CPS History • Did the offender leave certain areas upon CPS involvement
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Special Agent James Clemente, FBI BSU (Ret.)

“For every hour we spend with a suspect ,
our chance of obtaining a confession
increases 25%”

“What we found is overwhelmingly, and it is proven
by empirical studies, that rapport-based
interrogation techniques actually work, because
what they do is they humanize you to the person
that you’re actually interrogating.”

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Interrogation Approaches

- Body language and proxemics
- Tone and pacing
- Using narratives and silence
- Dignity of the suspect



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Interrogation Techniques

- Icebreakers and rationalization
- Themes
- Demonstrations



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Empathetic "Icebreakers"

- Tell me about _____ (Name of suspect) Thank you to the F.I. Community!!
- "I know there are other places we would both rather be"
- Address suspect's concerns- what is bothering them
- "I'm not here to label or judge you"
- Crime specific- playing one vs. the other and understanding their past

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MEDICAL EVIDENCE "EDUCATION"

- Following the demonstration of how the injury occurred from suspect's version
- Explaining the medical evidence in layman's terms
- Maybe the first time for "Gentle confrontation"
- "Medically, it's not possible for the injury to occurred how you are telling me"
- Follow-up with a second demonstration

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POLYGRAPH & CVSA

- Tools for **statement evidence**
- Not definitive evidence of a crime
- Is only one part of the interview/interrogation process
- Never closing a case based on results

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Next Steps of the Investigation

- Attempt to verify or refute the details provided by the suspect
- Will our investigation, "Tip the Scale"
- The investigation does not stop at the confession



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Taking it Beyond the Elements of the Crime in the Suspect Interrogation

- To assess risk to others
- To inform bail conditions
- To guide sentencing considerations

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ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Statement Evidence

- Apology letter
- What do I say to ___ if the baby is dead when I get to the hospital?
- Jail calls

Nontraditional Evidence

- Trash pulls
- Letter carriers
- Previous PSI reports

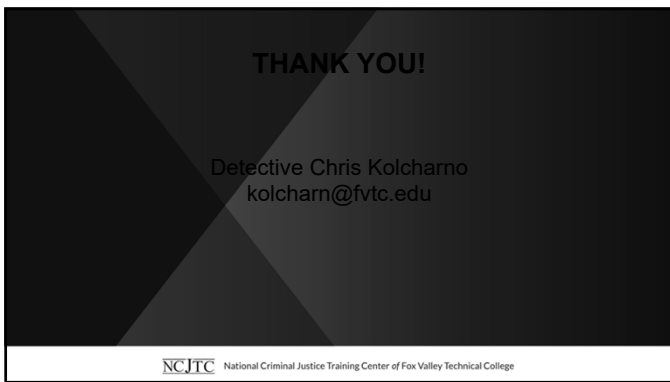


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