Investigation

Systematic collection of facts for the purpose of describing and explaining what occurred.

Relevant Facts

Facts that have the potential to help describe and explain what occurred.
Forms of Evidence

- Testimonial
- Documentary
- Physical
- Demonstrative

Testimonial Evidence

What people:
- Communicate
- About their memories
- Of observations they made.

Types of Interviews

- Incident Interviews
- Exploratory Interviews
- Background Interviews
- Follow-up Interviews
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Only applies to

Incident Interviews

Three Values of a REAL Investigation

- Speed
- Thoroughness
- Objectivity

Speed

Time is the enemy of evidence. The longer we take to do an investigation, the less evidence will emerge.
Thoroughness

In general, the more relevant facts we collect, the better the decision we will make.

Objectivity

True or False: An investigator should, while conducting an investigation, believe any person is innocent until proven guilty.

Incident Report: Time/Space
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Beginning the Interview

1. Introduction
2. Purpose
3. What can you tell me about this incident?

Transition Statement 1

Acknowledges the incident:

You’ve given me a lot of information. I need to go back and ask more detailed questions about what you remember.
**Transition Statement 2**

“I know nothing.”

Sometimes people who are in the vicinity of an incident may have seen or heard something that could be helpful. I need to ask you questions about what you do remember.

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Conducting Incident Interviews

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Let’s practice!

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