

Los Angeles Police Department Training Division
LD 18 Patrol Techniques
EV5 Property Crimes
S6 Intro to Narratives

Learning Activity #1

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Summary:

Theft investigation at 12001 Blucher Ave, LA 91344, bus bench.

Directions:

Choose two recruits to role play the role of the officers and have them investigate the crime of Theft. Allow recruits to interview and obtain the necessary information to complete a crime report. Instructor will play the role of a victim. The victim was waiting for the bus at the bus stop. A young male white, approx. 16 yrs old grabbed the vict's backpack containing a laptop. The Suspect fled from the location on foot.

Recruits should:

- Determine the crime
- Protect evidence and crime scene
- Interview the victim
- Interview the witness – if applicable
- Photographs
- Complete IR
- Give the victim a yellow copy –Marsy's card
- TID and other notifications – if necessary
- Leave business card

Allow each learning team to compile their information on a flip chart or sheet of paper for discussion. Have recruits list any follow-up questions they would have asked to clarify what occurred.

Facilitated discussion:

Officer's performance; How do you think they did?

(Have the class critique and give suggestions what they would have done different)

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Ask: As a recruit officer, what do you think you will need to learn to be able to complete this radio call? Discuss the following:

- Tactics (Officer safety)
- Interview skills (Get the story)
- Investigative skills (Looking for evidence)
- Report (Write complete incident report)
- Law (Elements of crime)
- Radio communication (Crime broadcast)

Key learning points:

- Do not rely on your memory.
- Utilize the field officer notebook to capture what was reported by the clients.
- Victims' responses and reactions may be varied and unpredictable.
- Be sure to get a complete and thorough explanation of the incident.
- Point out the difference between the initial crime broadcast information gathering and the report interview.
- Officer safety. Explain that their tactics instructor will cover contact and cover.

Time required: 30 minutes.