

**Los Angeles Police Department
LD18 Report Writing
EV6 Crimes Against Persons
S7 ADW Report**

Learning Activity #1

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Purpose: This learning activity will provide the students with the opportunity to conduct an investigation, utilizing their interview and notetaking skills, and complete an investigative report.

Description: Recruit officers will respond to a radio call of an ADW Investigation. Upon arrival, they meet with the victim who stated that while he waited in line for food at the community center, the suspect confronted him. The victim could only describe the suspect as a male, white, wearing a white tee shirt and a yellow jacket. The suspect accused the victim that he stepped on his foot while they waited in line. The victim denied it and told the suspect that he didn't want any trouble because he could see the suspect was very upset. The victim walked away from the suspect in fear that the situation would escalate. As the victim walked away, the suspect armed himself with a knife (from an unknown location), approached the victim from behind and stabbed him in the upper right side of his back. The victim did not realize that he was stabbed until he felt the blood dripping from his back. Believing that he was punched, the victim stated that he attempted to stop the suspect from leaving but observed the knife in his hand. The victim wrestled the knife away from the suspect and he fled. The suspect fled on foot eastbound on Brand Boulevard. The victim walked home and called the police.

The victim's demeanor should be consistent with one or more of the five phases of victim contact.

- Crisis
- Urgency
- Affirmation
- Confirmation
- Validation

The victim should not allow the recruits to move forward in their investigation until the phase of victim contact is identified and appropriate actions are employed to reassure the victim and gain cooperation. Recruit officers should:

- Separate parties involved
- Address the injury
- Call for and RA –if needed
- Obtain suspect's location, determine the crime, and gather information for a crime broadcast.
- Protect evidence and crime scene- If any
- Interview the victim / witness – if applicable
- Photographs
- Complete IR
- Provide the victim a yellow copy –Marsy's card and indemnify
- SID and other notifications – if necessary
- Provide business card

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Choose 2 recruits to role play the role of the officers; instructor / recruit will play the role of a victim. The rest of the class will listen in and take notes to complete the report.

Use the attached victim information sheet for the scenario. After scenario is complete debrief the scenario.

When Scenario is over, debrief the scenario with the class.

Facilitated discussion:

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

(Have the class critique and give suggestions what they would have done different. How was the RA Request, Crime broadcast, interview skills)

If time permitted allow the class to start the report and have them completed and turned in on the next session.

Resources needed:

- 3 Radios
- Towel, with simulated blood

Key learning points:

- Interview skills
- Utilize the field officer notebook to capture what was reported by the clients.
- 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: 20 minutes.