

**Los Angeles Police Department**  
**LD18 Investigative Report Writing**  
**EV9 Critical Incident**  
**S22 Arrest Report Review**

**Learning Activity #1**

**Purpose:**

This learning activity gives the student the opportunity to conduct an investigation, practice their interview skills, and practice writing their notes in preparation to write an investigative report.

**Description:**

Recruit officers will be responding to a R/C "Robbery Suspect Just Left. Suspect (include role-player's description) armed with a knife threatening possible victim. Victim Standing By."

As the officers arrived they meet with victim of robbery. During the interview of the victim. the victim will observe the suspect and point at him. The suspect will look in the officer's direction and attempt to walk away from the location with the victim's property. The officers should detain and arrest the suspect. Victim stated that he/ she was walking from the bank to their car when the suspect approached and asked for change. The victim looked down into their pocket to grab change. When the victim looked up, they observed the suspect pointing a knife at their chest. The suspect stated "Give me your money." The victim in fear for their life, complied and handed the suspect their money. The suspect fled on foot. The suspect took \$100 US currency from the victim.

The victim should not allow the recruits to move forward in their investigation until the appropriate actions have been taken to reassure the victim and gain cooperation. Recruit officers should:

- Separate parties involved
- Address the injury (If Any)
- Call for and RA – (if needed)
- Protect evidence and crime scene- If any
- Interview the victim / witness – if applicable
- Photographs
- Give the victim Marsy's card and indemnify
- SID and other notifications – if necessary
- Leave business

Choose (2) recruits to role play the role of the officers; (instructor / recruits) will play the role of a victim and third recruit to play the role of the suspect. 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.

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**Facilitated discussion:**

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

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

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
- 2 Inert guns
- Inert knife
- Wallet / Purse with ID or money

**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.
- Officer safety. Explain that their tactics instructor will cover contact and cover.

**Time Allowed:** 10 -15 minutes.

**Note:** Allow recruits to complete the arrest report in class if time permits. Otherwise, complete as assignment.