

Obtaining Detailed Statements: Slicing the Bologna

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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



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Testimonial Evidence

What people:

- Communicate
- About their memories
- Of observations they made.



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Types of Interviews

Incident Interviews
Exploratory Interviews
Background Interviews
Follow-up Interviews



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Only applies to

Incident Interviews



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Three Values of a REAL Investigation

- Speed
- Thoroughness
- Objectivity



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Speed

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



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Thoroughness

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



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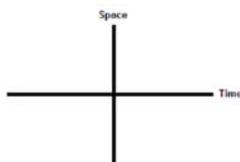
Objectivity

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



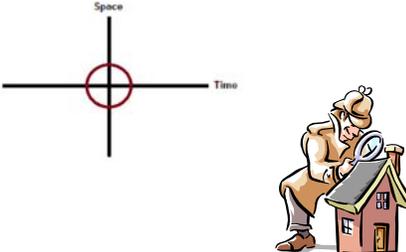
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Incident Report: Time/Space



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Beginning the Interview

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



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Transition Statement I

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.



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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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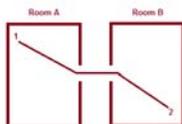
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Slice #1			
Slice #2			
Slice #3			
Etc.			

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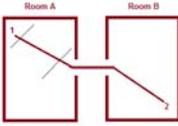
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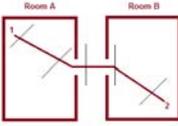
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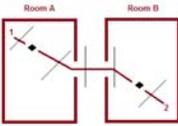
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Conducting Incident Interviews

	Sight	Hearing	
	What did you see? Who did you see?	What did you hear?	
Slice #1			What happened next?
Slice #2			What happened next?
Slice #3			What happened next?
Etc.			

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Let's practice!

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Questions



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