

# LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION

## A GUIDE FOR ADVOCATES

- Does the victim understand the advocate's role and purpose and that it is ongoing?
- Does the victim understand the process of the interview and the purpose?
- Does the victim understand law enforcement's obligation once a report is made?
- Does the victim understand the importance of speaking honestly and candidly with the investigator about the details of the assault? The events leading up to the assault?
- Does the victim understand the different roles of the patrol officers and the investigators?
- Does the victim understand that she/he may stop the interview at anytime, take a break or resume the interview at a later date?
- Does the victim understand that there may be follow-up interviews?
- Does the victim know that she/he may contact the investigator if she/he remember more details?
- Does the victim know how to contact the investigator to obtain information on the case?
- Does the victim understand that an immediate arrest of the assailant may not be made and why?
- Does the victim know approximately how long the investigation may take?
- Does the victim know how to apply for a HRO or OFP if necessary?
- Does the victim understand that the advocate can assist with obtaining a HRO or OFP?
- Does the victim understand she/he has the right to apply for Crime Victim's Reparations?
- Does the victim understand the importance of providing correct and updated contact information to the investigator?
- Does the victim need assistance arranging transportation to and from the interview(s)?

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