

Failures in Criminal Investigations

"The Top 100 Things a Detective Should Never Do"

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Topics Covered

- The Three Phases of an Investigation: The Investigation, Arrest & Prosecution
- Standpoints regarding Specific Performance Objectives
- Various Mistakes during Arrest of Suspect
- Conduct an Accurate Interrogation
- Proper Research and Documentation
- How to Successfully Connect the Dots
- Final Prosecution Steps and Tips
- In-Depth Understanding of the 4 Important Viewpoints and their Mistakes

Course Overview

As a Criminal Investigator, cases are worked whereas resolution is being sought. It does not matter whether you are investigating a burglary, theft, robbery, sexual assault or homicide, resolution is always the goal. Mistakes are made every day by detectives all across the country. Unfortunately detectives make mistakes or witness other detective's making mistakes and are unaware that anything is wrong. The humble investigator will not mind sharing his or her horror stories regarding this issue.

The trial process is the proving grounds for detectives because it's there where all the mistakes that were made during their investigation are discovered. Not only does this jeopardize the case, but a detective's career can be tarnished in a split second while on the witness stand.

The instructor has been in Law Enforcement for over 27 years and he has spent many of those years as a detective starting out investigating property crimes, assaults, and robberies. For the past six years, he has been assigned as a Homicide Detective. He confesses that over the years, he has made his fair share of mistakes, some that were costly. The instructor has also had the opportunity to travel across the country and converse with hundreds of detectives who investigate a wide variety of offenses. When talking to detectives, the subject of mistakes always surface.

The concept behind this course came from trial and error, court room experiences and the help from hundreds of detectives from across the country that the instructor solicited for their input.

The instructor also consulted with skilled criminal defense attorneys in preparing this course. Based on his own experiences and the feedback from other detectives and attorneys, the instructor compiled a list of over 250 "avoidable" issues/mistakes that have been costly when investigating cases.

The final phase in creating this course came from a summit arranged by the instructor. This summit consisted of 50 experienced detectives from across the country, four criminal prosecutors, and four criminal defense attorneys. Two members of the summit previously served as district judges. During this summit, the list was condensed down to the **TOP 100 THINGS THAT A DETECTIVE SHOULD NEVER EVER DO.**



Course Tuition:

\$125 per Officer
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