BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – EDUCATION AND TRAINING SECTION

| LESSON PLAN | | | | |
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| COURSE TITLE: Youth Interactions Training | | | | |
| LESSON TITLE: Mode | ale 8: Youth Interrogations | | | |
| New or Revised Course | | [X] New | [] Revised | |
| Prepared By: BPD Edu | cation and Training Staff | | Date: March 9, 2022 | |
| Academic Director App | oroval: Director Gary Cord | ner | Date: | |
| PARAMETERS | Lesson hours: 1.5 Class size: 30 students Space needs: Classroom | | [] Entry-level[X] Continuing Education[] Other | |
| STUDENT/COURSE P Modules 1-7 | REREQUISITES/QUAL | IFICATIONS | (if any) | |
| LESSON HISTORY (p. | revious versions, titles if ap | plicable) | | |
| Students will examinterrogation of a location, procedu warning by reviewand answering recommend. | Students will examine the steps for interrogation of a Youth suspect to include location, procedures, and Miranda warning by reviewing scenario summaries and answering relevant questions to the satisfaction of the facilitator. | | ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE All: Through facilitated discussion and review of scenarios, students' level of comprehension of the lesson will be identified through feedback. | |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

MPCTC OBJECTIVES (if applicable)

(Include all terminal objectives. Include supporting objectives if they help elaborate what needs to be covered in the lesson. Ensure that all terminal objectives mentioned here are also added to the "Facilitator Notes" column where they are addressed in the lesson.)

INSTRUCTOR MATERIALS

Lesson Plan PowerPoint

TECHNOLOGY/EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES NEEDED

Lecture:

- 1 Computer w/PowerPoint and internet access (for group/individual feedback questions). (Set the computer up in dual-screen mode so that the interactive portion can be brought over to the projected screen)
- 1 Projector
- 1 Projector screen (mirrored screens required for larger audience size)

STUDENT HANDOUTS

Interrogation Techniques/Case Study handout

Large Stickie Pad at each table

METHODS/TECHNIQUES

Lesson will be presented by lecture with facilitated discussion and group activity.

REFERENCES

The following sources of law and policy are used as a basis for this lesson plan. The instructor should be familiar with the material in these reference documents to effectively teach this module.

Maryland constitutional and procedural law related to seizures

Federal constitutional and procedural law related to seizures

Draft Baltimore Police Department policies:

Policy 1207- Youth Interrogations

Policy 1202- Youth Interactions

Policy 1105, Custodial Interrogations

GENERAL COMMENTS

| In preparing to teach this material, the instructor should take into consideration the following comments or suggestions. |
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| This lesson plan is intended for use with experienced instructors who have significant teaching experience, moderate technology experience, and exceptional knowledge of constitutional law. |
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Lesson Plan Checklist (Part 1)

| Format Lesson Plan Checklist (Part 1) | | No | N/A |
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| 1. All sections and boxes are completed. | | | |
| 2. Performance objectives are properly worded and included in content. | | | |
| 3. Assessment techniques are aligned with performance objectives. | X | | |
| 4. Copies of handouts and other instructional aids (if any) are included. | X | | |
| 5. References are appropriate and up-to-date. | X | | |
| 6. Instructions to facilitators are in the right-hand column. | X | | |
| 7. Content is in the left-hand column. | X | | |
| 8. Timing of instructional content and activities is specified. | X | | |
| 9. Instructional content and PowerPoint slides are consistent & properly aligned. | X | | |
| 10. Student engagement/adult learning techniques are included. | | | |
| a. Instructional content is not primarily lecture-based. | X | | |
| b. Questions are posed regularly to engage students and ensure material is understood. | X | | |
| c. Case studies, role-playing scenarios, and small group discussions are included where appropriate. | X | | |
| 11. Videos are incorporated. | | | |
| a. Video introductions set forth the basis for showing the video and key points are highlighted in advance for students. | | | |
| b. Videos underscore relevant training concepts. | X | | |
| c. Videos do not contain crude or offensive language or actions that are gratuitous or unnecessary. | X | | |
| d. Videos portray individuals of diverse demographics in a positive light. | | | |
| 12. Meaningful review/closure is included. | | | |
| a. Important points are summarized at the end of lesson plan. | X | | |
| b. Assessments are provided to test knowledge of concepts. | X | | |

Lesson Plan Checklist (Part 2)

| Integration | | No | N/A |
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| 13. Does the lesson incorporate BPD technology? | | | |
| 14. Does the lesson plan integrate BPD policies? | | | |
| 15. Does the lesson reinforce BPD mission, vision, and values? | | | |
| 16. Does the lesson reinforce the Critical Decision Making Model? | | | X |
| 17. Does the lesson reinforce peer intervention (EPIC)? | | | X |
| 18. Does the lesson incorporate community policing principles? | X | | |
| 19. Does the lesson incorporate problem solving practices? | | | X |
| 20. Does the lesson incorporate procedural justice principles? | | | |
| 21. Does the lesson incorporate fair & impartial policing principles? | | | X |
| 22. Does the lesson reinforce de-escalation? | | | X |
| 23. Does the lesson reinforce using most effective, least intrusive options? | | | X |
| 24. Does the lesson have external partners involved in the development of training? | | X | |
| 25. Does the lesson have external partners in the delivery of training? | | X | |
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COURSE TITLE: Youth Interactions

LESSON TITLE: Module 8: Youth Interrogations

PRESENTATION GUIDE **FACILITATOR NOTES** I. ANTICIPATORY SET **Time:** 15 minutes **SAY:** Now that we've spent time talking about why Slide 1 kids are so different than adults, I'd like to see you apply this knowledge to a new topic, youth interrogations. YOUTH INTERROGATIONS BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH INTERACTIONS TRAINING Slide 2 **SAY:** There are three goals for this training: **GOALS FOR THIS TRAINING** 1- Part I: When do you have to read Miranda? A Youth might think they are in custody when a reasonable adult would not. 2- Part II: How do you make sure confessions are voluntary? How do you avoid applying improper pressure to a Youth you are interrogating? What are some ways you can build rapport with Youth and make sure your interviews are voluntary? 3- Part III: Review of BPD policies and practice scenario Slide 3 **SAY:** There are two types of questions that are considered to be interrogation, Express and Implied. **EXPRESS VS. IMPLIED QUESTIONING ASK:** Who can tell me what express questioning is? "Do you know Mildred Wilson, who was sho last night?

Slide 4 **ASK**: How about implied questioning, what is that? **EXPRESS VS. IMPLIED OUESTIONING** Any words or actions that an officer knows or should know are reasonably likely to get an incriminating response from the suspect. Also referred to as the equivalent of questioning Example:

"Johnny says you hit him"

Presenting evidence Slide 5 **SAY:** There are requirements for all statements: The law says that if you have someone in custody, and you are interrogating them, you **CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS** HAVE to read their Miranda rights. **FOR STATEMENTS** The law also says that all interrogations have to You must read suspect All statements must be Miranda rights if there is custody + given voluntarily (you cannot coerce be VOLUNTARY, and you cannot force a interrogation someone into person to confess against their will. confessing) **ASK:** What happens if these Constitutional requirements are not met? **Expected Response:** Evidence can get suppressed at trial Wrongful convictions Lawsuits from civil rights violations Departmental discipline Reasonable Child standard: Slide 6 **SAY:** We've spent the past two days talking about **REASONABLE CHILD STANDARD** how kids are different, and how what might seem reasonable to an adult is actually coercive to a kid. This applies to interrogations as well. Today we're going to go over some new policies that take youth development into account, and are designed to ensure that BPD's interrogations of youth are voluntary. **SAY:** This training will help you in your Slide 7 investigations because making sure that Youth confessions are voluntary: 1. will help you build rapport with your interviewees, and get more helpful information 2. Will make your statements more likely to be admissible in court.

- 3. Will help build trust with youth and families, which can help in future investigations.
- 4. It can prevent false confessions. When there is a false confession, not only do you run the risk of convicting an innocent person, but the actual perpetrator remains free from accountability and is a continuing risk to the public.

HOW WILL THIS TRAINING HELP YOUR INVESTIGATIONS? - Build rapport - Ensure admissible confessions - Build trust with youth and families - Prevent false confessions

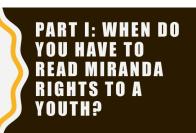
II. INSTRUCTIONAL INPUT (CONTENT) Part 1: Knowing when to read Miranda rights to

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SAY: You need to read Miranda when there is Custody + Interrogation.

SAY: The age of the suspect is a factor too! We're going to spend a lot of time on that one in this class, because it's particularly relevant for Youth.

Time: 55 minutes Slide 8



Learning Activity Is Miranda Required?:

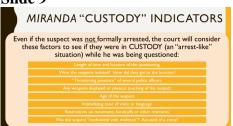
SAY: Find the handout in your binder labeled "Youth Interrogations Activity". Read the fact pattern as a group from the handout at your table. Then, discuss the questions as a group. We're going to go over our answers as a class once you've had time to discuss.

I'm also going to put the fact pattern up on the screen as well.

SAY: Here are the facts

- Police suspected Johnny, a 13-year-old special education student in 7th grade, of two home break-ins
- A uniformed police officer on detail at Johnny's school took Johnny out of his

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IS THIS YOUTH IN CUSTODY? IS MIRANDA REQUIRED?

- Police suspected Johnny, a 13-year-old special education student in 7th grade, c
- A uniformed police officer on detail at Johnny school took Johnny out of his
 classroom to a conference room where, with the door closed, the police and
 school administrators questioned him for 30 minutes.
- Before beginning, they did not give him Miranda warnings or the opportunity to call his grandmother, his legal guardian, nor tell him he was free to leave the room.
- At first, Johnny denied that he was involved. But after police urged him to tell
 the truth, and told him that he could go to juvenile detention, he confessed.

Give students 5 minutes to read over the fact pattern, and 3 minutes to discuss the questions.

NOTE: DO NOT reveal that it is a

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SAY: After he confessed, police then told him that he could refuse to answer questions and was free to leave.

- Johnny was asked if he understood his rights, and Johnny nodded. He then provided further detail about the crime, including the location of the stolen items. He also wrote a statement, at the police officer's request.
- When the school day ended, he was permitted to leave to catch the bus home. Two juvenile petitions were filed against Johnny, charging him with breaking and entering and with larceny.

SAY: Here are the questions:

- Would a reasonable Youth feel like he was in "custody"?
- Would a reasonable Youth feel free to leave in this situation? To refuse to answer questions?
- Does it matter that the Youth was a special education student who did not have the comprehension of a typical 13-year-old?
- Should the detectives have read the Youth his Miranda rights?
- Were the Youth's statements "voluntary"? Or the product of improper police pressure?

SAY: Think back to when you were in seventh grade. Would you have felt you could walk out of the principal's office without getting into more trouble?

Would a 13 year old in a conference room with police and school principals feel free to walk away, even if they were told they could? Supreme Court Case until after the discussion has concluded!

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QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

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Go around the room, have a representative from each table answer questions
Call on members at each table to respond to the questions as a group.

Challenge participants on their answers (no need to reveal the "right" answer yet)

If they say "Yes, there is custody"

counter with "but they never put him in handcuffs!"

If they say "No, there is not custody", counter with "but would a child in his position really have felt free to leave?"

SAY: Now that we've discussed these facts, surprise! These are actually the facts from a 2011 Supreme Court case called "JDB vs. North Carolina"

ASK: What do you think the Supreme Court decided? **SAY:** If you did not think that the Youth was in custody, you're in decent company, because the judges of the lower court agreed with you.

But for those of you who said that the Youth WAS in custody, congratulations! You've got the Justices of the Supreme Court on your side.

Presenter: Yes, Miranda was required here.

- The lower court kept in the confession and said "age didn't matter." But the Supreme Court disagreed.
- This is the Supreme Court case that says you have to consider age when deciding whether or not a Youth is in custody for purposes of Miranda.
- Custody: reasonable child would not have felt free to leave
- Interrogation: questions designed to get an incriminating response
- "It is beyond dispute that children will often feel bound to submit to police questioning when an adult in the same circumstances would feel free to leave. Seeing no reason for police officers or courts to blind themselves to that commonsense reality, we hold that a child's age

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J.D.B. VS. NORTH CAROLINA, 564 U. S. _(2011)

- These were the facts from a Supreme Court case, decided in 2011
- The lower courts thought the confession was admissible, as they said that because the Youth was not in custody, the officer did not have to read Miranda. They said that age did not matter in deciding custody.

What do you think the Supreme Court decided?

Call on volunteers to share

Expected response:

Some will say yes, custody. Some will say no, not custody.

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YES, MIRANDA WAS REQUIRED HERE.

- The Supreme Court overturned the lower court decisions that said age didn't matter. Age does matter in deciding whether or not a Youth is in custody for purposes of Miranda.
- "It is beyond dispute that children will often feel bound to submit to police questioning when an adult in the same circumstances would feel free to leave. Seeing no reason for police officers or courts to blind themselves to that commonsense reality, we hold that a child's age properly informs the Miranda custody analysis."

J.D.B. vs. North Carolina, 564 U.S. (2011)

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SAY: Now, let's put what we've learned about custody into practice.

Learning Activity:

- Picture 1:
- Is this Youth in custody? Yes!
- Why? Clearly he's under arrest
- Does the officer need to read him Miranda before interrogating him? Yes!

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IS THIS YOUTH IN CUSTODY?



Call on students to answer the questions BEFORE confirming whether or not the answer is correct based on the content in the left column of the LP

SAY: Is this Youth in custody? Yes!

- Why?
- Location: He's in an interrogation room,
- Officer: Officer is standing in uniform, blocking the door, two officers in the room
- Weapon: visible at waist
- Positioning of officers: officers standing, youth sitting
- Relative size differential between youth and officers
- Detective: handing him a piece of paper, a waiver?

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SAY: Is this Youth in custody?

- Probably not
- But if he had just pulled him out of a stolen car and was asking him about the offense, maybe?

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SAY: Additional factors to consider:

- Age of the child
 - o **Ask:** How old do you think this boy is?
 - Younger child = more likely to feel like he's in custody
- Position of the officer
 - o Officer sitting very close to the child
 - o Look on the child's face
 - Size difference between officer and child
- Location
 - Officer appears to be at the youth's home
 - Youth appears to have come outside of his home to sit. Is he there voluntarily?

SAY: These and other factors can influence whether a statement is voluntary.

SAY: According to BPD Policy 1207, Before starting the interrogation, you need to gather some additional information to make sure that the Youth has the capacity to understand your questions

- Ask the Youth and parent/guardian about learning and developmental disabilities
- Is the Youth enrolled in school?
- What grade? (consider if the child is behind)
- Has the Youth ever received special education services or an IEP? (Individualized Education Program)
- Has the Youth ever been diagnosed with a disability, including a learning disability? (if so, ask for more information)
- Language barriers?
- Literacy?
- Impaired by drugs or alcohol?
- If their ability to understand is impaired by a behavioral health disability or intellectual disability, the interrogation must stop.

(Crying by itself is not a behavioral health crisis)

ASK: Has anyone had a suspect experience a behavioral health crisis during an interrogation? What might this look like?



SAY: If a member encounters Youth of any age displaying signs that their ability to understand is impaired by a behavioral health or intellectual disability (including use of alcohol or other drug use, suicidal ideation, mental illness, or a developmental disability), the member shall stop the Interrogation immediately. Members shall document the reason for terminating the Interrogation, and consult with their supervisor in order to determine whether the Interrogation may resume at a later time.

Part II: What makes a statement voluntary?

SAY: The waiver of Miranda rights must be KNOWING and VOLUNTARY.

- If the Youth does not understand their rights, they cannot give a KNOWING waiver and the statement is not VOLUNTARY either.
- Make sure that the Youth you are interviewing actually understands what a "RIGHT" is (that is it not a privilege that can be taken away)

BPD Policy 1207 addresses how to go through these rights and why it's important to check for understanding

ASK: What can happen if a judge finds that a Youth's statement was <u>involuntary</u> (forced)?

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MIRANDA WAIVER MUST BE "KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY"

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 it not a privilege that can be taken away)
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Desired Response:

The statement will be suppressed. All evidence derived from the statement will be suppressed as "fruit of the poisonous tree".

Miranda Waiver:

ASK: Based on what you have learned about Youth development over the past couple days, what do you think would make a Youth especially susceptible to

| give an involuntary statement? | WHY ARE YOUTH VULNERABLE TO MAKING INVOLUNTARY STATEMENTS? |
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| | Susceptible to pressure Focus on immediate reward (i.e., getting home) vs. long term risks Scared of consequences if they do not tell police what they want to hear |
| | Expected Responses: |
| | Susceptible to pressure |
| | Are socialized to obey adults (at home, at school, etc.); especially socialized to comply with authority figures like police Focus on immediate reward (i.e., getting home) vs. long term risks Scared of consequences if they do not tell police what they want to |
| | hear |
| ASK: Are these examples of coercion? Why or why not? | COERCION? WHY OR WHY NOT? |
| SAY: Threats and promises of this nature are enough to overcome a person's free will, and amount to unconstitutional pressure. | "Tell me what you know or I'll arrest your friend" "Tell me what you know and I'll make sure your brother's case goes well" What if the Youth tries to bargain with YOU? "If I tell you what I know, can you help with my case?" |
| | Answer: yes! They make promises |
| | that are too good to pass up, and |
| | threats that are too bad to refuse. |
| Learning Activity: Video presentations and | Slide 23 |
| discussion Case Study #1: SAY: As you watch this video, think about how the detective is putting pressure on the Youth, and whether or not this makes his confession involuntary | CASE STUDY #1: YOUTH INTERROGATION IN NEWPORT NEWS, VA As you watch this video, think about how the detective is putting pressure on the Youth, and whether or not this makes his confession involuntary. |
| Play Video | Slide 24 |
| ASK: Given the training you now have on adolescent development, what do you think was wrong with this | |

interrogation?

ASK: Was Gabrial's confession voluntary?



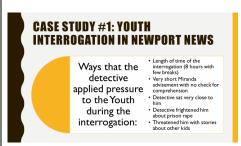
Show video from Newport News, Virginia

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Vybt0VHRj_k

SAY: So, here are things that were wrong with the Interrogation:

- Length of time- 8 hours with few breaks
- Miranda- less than 10 seconds, did not check for comprehension, not in writing
- Miranda waiver not voluntary
 - Child handcuffed in painful position prior to Miranda warning,
 - Child could believe they must waive in order to get better treatment from pain.
- Statement not voluntary
 - Detective intimidated and coerced the Youth into giving a statement:
 - Sat very close to youth nearly touching youth, backed him into a corner, locked knees with him
 - o Intimidated him with photos of other youth and discussion of death and sexual assault in jail
 - Lied by implying that the Youth could end up in adult prison (which is not possible for a Youth in the juvenile system).

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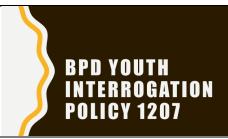
NOTE: Additional factors:

- Did not make an effort to locate the parents
- Did not ask about education, physical, or mental disabilities, if any, or whether Youth was impaired.

Part 2: Review of new BPD procedures

Topic 1: Before Starting the Interrogation:

SAY: Before you start an interrogation, you need to have a parent/guardian or attorney present.



SAY: Parental notification requirements include:

- You cannot interrogate a Youth under 18 without a parent, guardian, or attorney present
- Contact parent/guardian when you get to BPD facility for questioning
- Attempt to contact an attorney through the Office of the Public Defender
- Document your attempts

For Youth ages 16 and 17:

You can begin advise of rights and interrogation once parent/guardian or attorney is present

SAY: For Youth age 15 and under:

Parent/guardian must **consent** before beginning advisement of rights and interrogation Youth must have the chance to consult with an attorney before advisement of rights and interrogation *Public defender 24 hour hotline: 410-999-8287*

SAY: Here is what you need to tell the parent/guardian:

- Youth can consult them prior to/during questioning
- They have to be there to conduct interrogation
- If they want interrogation to stop, it will stop

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BPD Policy 1207

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SAY: Here are some exceptions where the parent/guardian should not be allowed in the room. EXCEPTIONS:

- Do not allow the parent/guardian into the Interrogation if he/she:
- Is a complainant/victim in the offense under investigation
- Is suspected of being an accomplice in the offense (or accessory, co-conspirator, etc.)



Expresses strong hostility towards Youth

SAY: If parent/guardian wants to be present, but the Youth states they do not want them to be present, an attorney must be present to proceed with the Interrogation

During our learning activity with JDB vs. North Carolina, some of you mentioned that the fact that the Youth was a 13 year old special education student made a difference for whether he was in custody.

BPD policy recognizes this as well, and has added some additional questions that you need to ask to make sure that the Youth can understand your questions.

SAY: BPD policy includes many of the ideas that you just said.

Here is how you should go over the Explanation and Waiver of Rights Form for Youth

- Give everyone the form, and go through it line by line with the Youth, parent/guardian, and attorney
- Youth can read it to themselves
- Read the form aloud to the Youth
- Ask Youth to explain, in their own words, what each right means
- If Youth asks for a lawyer, contact a lawyer!
- If Youth doesn't want to talk, stop the interrogation
- A parent cannot waive a Youth's Miranda rights

ASK: For those of you who conduct interrogations, what are some strategies that work for you in building rapport with your suspect?

SAY: Here is what you should do when conducting a Youth interrogation

- Ask age appropriate questions, take into account education and prior experience
- Build rapport, interrogation plan
- Ask open ended questions

Expected response:

Yes. Crimes where the child has committed a crime against the parent (like an assault), or when parent might have tried to hide the child's involvement.

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READING MIRANDA RIGHTS

- Give everyone the form, and go through it line by line
 Youth read it to themselves, then you read it to them
- Ask Youth to explain, in their own words, what each right means
- If Youth asks for a lawyer, contact a lawyer

 If Youth doesn't want to talk, stop the interrogation

Expected responses:

Respectful tone, full explanations, put the person at ease

- Give brief overview of BPD procedures and prosecution with clear, simple language
- Tailor questions to Youth's age, maturity, and experience

You can reference "Youth Interrogation Techniques" in your handout folder for more suggestions.

SAY: To protect against that, here are some things you cannot do during an interrogation of a Youth.

- No deception
- Can't tell Youth: You have evidence against them, video, other people said Youth involvedif this is FALSE

SAY: Kids are already so easily manipulated, lying makes it so much worse. If you lie during a Youth interrogation, the confession will likely get suppressed in court as most judges will consider the confession to be involuntary. And, you could end up with a false confession as well, with all the consequences that follow (we're going to talk about an example of this on the next slide)

- Don't go beyond 2 hours, unless circumstances require it (get supervisor approval)
- Don't shackle unless safety issue (Youth engaging in behavior likely to injury themselves or others)
- Don't proceed if Youth is experiencing behavioral crisis

III. REVIEW/EVALUATION/CLOSURE

SAY: We're going to wrap up this module with a case study which shows the consequences of NOT following these policies, and the dangers of coercing kids into making confessions.

EXPLAIN: In August 2013, police in St. Clair County, Illinois arrested 17 year old Trevon Yates for an armed robbery. Trevon has an IQ of 60 and other mental health vulnerabilities.

Police had no evidence tying him to the robbery. All

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO DURING A YOUTH INTERROGATION?

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- · Build rapport, have an interrogation plan
- Ask open ended questions
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BPD POLICY 1207: WHAT YOU CANNOT DO DURING AN INTERROGATION

Time: 15 minutes

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CASE STUDY #2: TREVON YATES



Desired Response:

| detectives had was a tip that a youth named "Trayvon" | - Ignoring behavioral health | |
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| was involved, and Travon Yates didn't even match the | crisis and vulnerability | |
| description provided by the witness. | Youth threatens to | |
| | kill himself | |
| Yet, detectives told him they knew he was involved, | o Begs for his mother | |
| and they fed him details of the crime which they | and rocks back and | |
| incorporated into the confession. | forth | |
| | o Sobbed | |
| ASK : As you watch this case study, think about how | uncontrollably, | |
| this detective may have violated the teen's | rocked back and | |
| constitutional rights, and BPD policy. | forth | |
| | Confronting Youths with | |
| SAY : In case you can't hear what he's saying. He's | false accusations | |
| crying out for his mother, and God saying "I'm going | Falsely told him | |
| to kill myself" (1:52) | others said he had | |
| - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | the gun | |
| ASK: What are some examples of improper | Said they already | |
| interrogation techniques? | knew he did it | |
| | - Making promises of | |
| ASK: What would be violations of BPD policy? | leniency or protection | |
| I | o "We're not talking | |
| | about prison. But | |
| | you have to tell the | |
| | truth" | |
| | - Fed him details of the | |
| | offense for him to confess to | |
| SAY : For review, here is a summary of the improper | Slide 34: | |
| techniques that were used. | IMPROPER YOUTH INTERROGATION | |
| 1 | TECHNIQUES | |
| | • Ignoring behavioral health crisis and vulnerability | |
| | - Youth threatens to kill himself - Begs for his mother and rocks back and forth - Sobbed uncontrollably, rocked back and forth | |
| | Confronting Youths with false accusations Falsely told him others said he had the gun | |
| | - Said they already knew he did it • Making promises of leniency or protection | |
| | - "We're not talking about prison. But you have to tell the truth" • Fed him details of the offense for him to confess to | |
| | | |
| | Instructor: Go over any responses | |
| | that were not generated by the | |
| | class. | |
| | | |
| SAY: Here are some additional details about what | Slide 35: | |
| happened to Travon. | | |
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ASK: Do you think youth in general are more likely to confess to a crime falsely?

ASK: What were the consequences of the false confession for Travon in this case?

ASK: What were the consequences of the false confessions for his family? For his community?

CASE STUDY #2: TREVON YATES

- Consequences of police coercion for Youth suspects:
- Trevon was charged as an adult with armed robbery. Trevon thought he would go home after confessing. Instead, his
- mugshot appeared in the newspaper identifying him as the suspect.
- Unable to meet \$500,000 bond, he spent nine months in jail before the State's Attorney's Office dropped the charges, after viewing the
- Police never identified another suspect.

Expected Responses: Yes.

Developmental factors discussed during Day 1. Age, education, other disabilities known or unknown that might affect ability to make decisions.

Expected Responses

Further trauma, ACES, distrust of police and criminal justice systems

Expected response:

Family may have felt like he was manipulated, betrayed, lack of trust.

III. TRAINING REVIEW/EVALUATION/CLOSURE

SAY: We'd like to end with our final activity, called "Teach Backs". Each table will be assigned a topic from the Youth Interactions training

You will have 5 minutes to discuss one thing you will take with you from this training that relates to your assigned topic. We will then go around the room and share.

Thank you for attending this training, and please let us know if you have any questions.

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FINAL TEACH BACKS

- You will be repossible for making a short presentation to "Teach Back" one thing that you learned from your assigned topic that you will take with you when you leave the training.
 You can do an illustration, skit, pop quiz, Q&A with the class, whatever you'd like!

- Adolescent Development
 Mental Health Vulnerabilities or Traur
 Stops, Searches and Arrest

Give participants 5 minutes to discuss their key take away points. Then, go around the room and ask them to share their "Take Away" points with the class.

APPENDIX A

Youth Interrogations Activity

Case Study for Discussion:

Police suspected Johnny, a 13-year-old special education student in 7th grade, of two home break-ins. A uniformed police officer on detail at Johnny's school took Johnny out of his classroom to a conference room where, with the door closed, the police and school administrators questioned him for 30 minutes. Before beginning, they did not give him Miranda warnings or the opportunity to call his grandmother, his legal guardian, nor tell him he was free to leave the room.

At first, Johnny denied that he was involved. But after police urged him to tell the truth, and told him that he could go to juvenile detention, he confessed. After he confessed, police then told him that he could refuse to answer questions and was free to leave. Johnny was asked if he understood his rights, and Johnny nodded. He then provided further detail about the crime, including the location of the stolen items. He also wrote a statement, at the police officer's request. When the school day ended, he was permitted to leave to catch the bus home. Two juvenile petitions were filed against Johnny, charging him with breaking and entering and with larceny.

- Would a reasonable Youth feel like he was in "custody"?
- Would a reasonable Youth feel free to leave in this situation? To refuse to answer questions?
- Does it matter that the Youth was a special education student who did not have the comprehension of a typical 13-year-old?
- Should the detectives have read the Youth his Miranda rights?
- Were the Youth's statements "voluntary"? Or the product of improper police pressure?

Appendix B

Youth Interrogation Techniques

Youth can often misunderstand questions.

Members should tailor their questions to their knowledge or reasonable assessment of the following characteristics: the Youth's age, maturity, level of education, apparent mental ability, and other information known to the member at the time of the Interrogation.

The following guidelines should be followed as appropriate in consideration of those characteristics:

- Avoid police or legal jargon.
- Use names and places instead of pronouns.
- Use short, simple words and sentences.
- Avoid questions with multiple parts.
- Avoid "yes/no" questions, instead use targeted, open-ended questions that elicit a narrative response (e.g., "What did you do last night?").
- Avoid leading questions. Instead, use questions beginning with "who," "what," "where," "when," and "how" to get more information about specific parts of the Youth's story (e.g., "Where was the victim standing?").
- Avoid offering the Youth a limited set of options. (e.g., "Was the victim standing by the couch or by the door?")
- Connect time events to concrete events in the Youth's life (e.g., "Did this happen when you were on summer break or when you were going to school?").
- Avoid completing the Youth's sentences.
- Avoid jumping ahead in the conversation.
- Double-check responses by asking questions that elicit the information in a different way.