

REMEDIAL TRAINING

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SGT. HENRY R. BONAPARTE, OF THE TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN HOUSTON, TX, IS COACHING NEW TRAINEE RODNEY WILLIAMS THROUGH A FIELD CONTACT TRAINING SCENARIO...



A SAFE FIELD INTERVIEW BEGINS WITH ITS RADIO TRANSMISSION.

YES, SIR. 116, CENTRAL. OUT ON ONE BLACK MALE. REAR OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION ARENA.

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ASK THE SUSPICIOUS PERSON TO SHOW YOU HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER OFFICIAL PHOTO I.D. ACCEPT IT AT ARM'S LENGTH; PROTECT YOUR HANDGUN!

"POCKETS PROVIDE CONCEALMENT FOR HANDGUNS, KNIVES, AND A VARIETY OF IMPACT WEAPONS..."



ALWAYS TELL THE FIELD CONTACT TO KEEP HIS HANDS OUT OF THEM FOR YOUR MUTUAL SAFETY."



CONDUCT A TERRY FRISK OF THE SUSPICIOUS PERSON WHENEVER AN ARTICULABLE REASON EXISTS FOR YOUR BELIEF THAT HE IS ARMED.

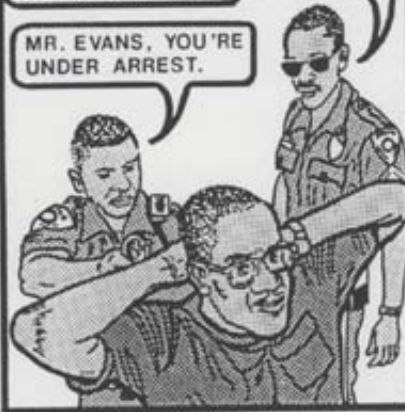
ORDER THE PERSON TO SIT DOWN, IF HE IS HOSTILE, WANTED, ETC. TELL HIM TO KEEP HIS KNEES STRAIGHT. THIS WILL FURTHER IMPAIR HIS OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY.



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DETAIN THE PERSON NO LONGER THAN IS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE YOUR FIELD INTERVIEW. IF IT GENERATES PROBABLE CAUSE FOR AN ARREST, HAND-CUFF THE PRISONER BEFORE SEARCHING HIM.

MR. EVANS, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.



OFFICERS SHOULD OBSERVE THESE ADDITIONAL POINTS DURING FIELD INTERVIEWS:

1. STAND IN A POSITION THAT IS OFFSET 45 DEGREES RELATIVE TO THAT OF THE INTERVIEWEE;
2. MAKE MENTAL NOTES OF AVAILABLE COVER;
3. CREATE A TACTICAL ADVANTAGE THROUGH THE USE OF HAZARDS AND OBSTRUCTIONS AT THE FIELD INTERVIEW LOCATION;
4. PRECLUDE EASY ACCESS TO IMPROVISED WEAPONRY BY THE INTERVIEWEE;
5. FACE THE PERSON THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW; AND
6. KEEP THE WEAPON-HAND FREE DURING THE INTERVIEW.