What APS Can Learn From the Police

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APS has an investigator co-located with Portland Police Elder Crimes Unit. The police have learned from APS:

• assessing physical care needs
• assessing physical health issues/supplies
• care giving issues and expectations
What can APS learn from the Police?

- Observation skills
- Reading body language
- Interviewing skills
- Documentation
Observation Skills

On the next slide is a picture of a well known landmark. We will give you one minute to look at the photo and then some more time to write down your impressions of the picture.
Investigator ‘Must Haves’

Characteristics of a great investigator:

• Curiosity
• Good communication and listening skills
• Manage conversations and effectively draw out information
What is Evidence?

• Things you expect to find
• Things you do find
• Things present that should not be present
• Things not present that should be present
Observation Activity #1

We are going to show you a scene on the following slide. Please be ready to make a list of observations of what you see.
Observation Discussion

How many things did others see that you may have overlooked?

This is the skill each of us needs to develop when doing investigations.
Observation Activity #2

We are going to show you a scene on the following slide. Please be ready to make a list of observations of what you see.
• Add photo here
Observation Discussion

How many things did others see that you may have overlooked?

Sometimes, what you DON’T see can be very important.
Body Language
Verbal Cues
Investigative Questions
What follows a GREAT investigation?

A GREAT report!

Reports are the way we communicate investigative findings with others.
Reports

– Before you can write a great report, you must do a great investigation (or you won’t have anything to write about)

– After a great investigation, you must write a great report or it won’t matter that you did a great investigation
Reports that may go to law enforcement

Be familiar with the elements of the laws in your state related to adult protective services

  *i.e., theft, assault*

Clearly address each of those elements in your report
• Example slide here

• Call Tom Mott