

# HOW TO INVESTIGATE A VICTIM

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# VICTIMOLOGY



- According to Wikipedia:
- **Victimology** is the study of victimization, including the relationships between victims and offenders, the interactions between victims and the criminal justice system – that is, the police and courts, and corrections officials – and the connections between victims and other social groups and institutions, such as the media, businesses, and social movements.



# THE STUDY OF CRIME VICTIMS:

- The 'Alleged' Victim



- Why do we need to *study* the victim?
- What do we need to know about the victim?
- How does the victim impact the outcome?
- How does one *study* the victim?



# BACKGROUND CHECKS

- Who is the victim?
  - Name
  - Prior names or aliases
  - DOB
  - Social Security Number
  - Address(es)
  - Vehicles



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# CRIMINAL HISTORY

- CCAP

- <https://wcca.wicourts.gov/>

- CIB

- <https://wi-recordcheck.org/account/html/logon.jsp>

- CLEAR

- Agency investigator database

- PACER

- <https://www.pacer.gov/>

- Municipal Citations

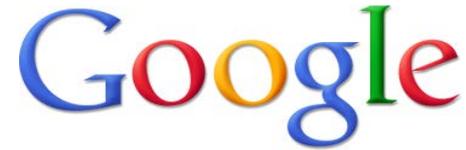
- Booking Photos

- Open Cases

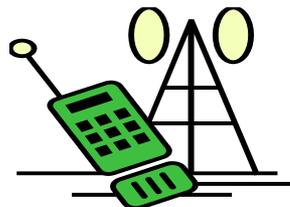
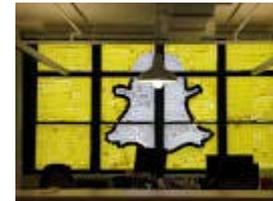
- Current attorney conflicts?



# SOCIAL MEDIA HISTORY



- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Cell phone – subpoena records
  - <http://www.fonefinder.net/>
  - Incoming and outgoing calls
  - Texts
  - Cell tower info
- Blogs

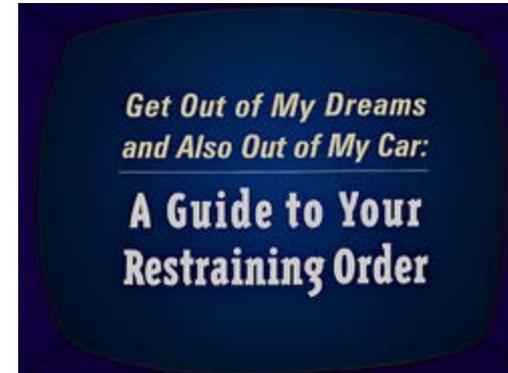


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Address: 111 Gateway Street, Suite 1200, Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3388	
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United States District Court U. S. MIDDLEBURY State Office and Courtthouse Boston, Massachusetts	
Date: June 14, 14 Time: 9:00 A.M.	
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# VICTIM HISTORY

- Filed Restraining Orders:
  - Copies of written statements
  - Outcome
- Divorce Records
- Child Custody Records



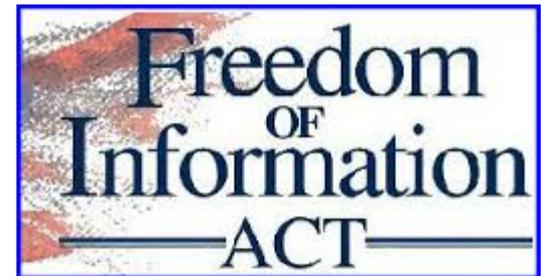
# RECORDS REQUEST

- Open Records Request
- Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA)
- Subpoenas and Court Orders



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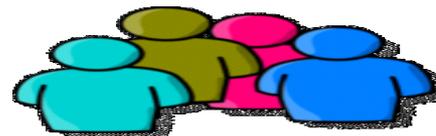
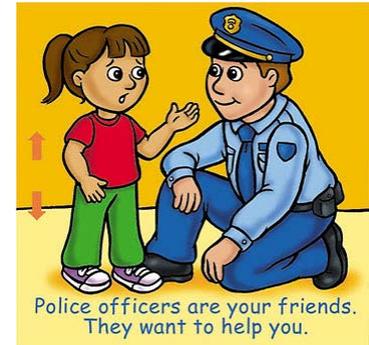
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# OTHER PLACES TO CONTACT

- Local Police
  - Contact Sheets
- Sheriff's Departments
- State Patrol
- Federal Courthouse
  - <https://www.pacer.gov/>
- Municipalities
- Driving Record DMV
  - SPD Intranet - External Services
  - PARS (Public Abstract Request System)
    - Need User ID from WAMS (State's Web Access Management System)
- Department of Corrections
  - VINE Link
    - <https://vinelink.com>
  - SORP
    - <http://doc.wi.gov/community-resources/wi-sex-offender-registry>
- Neighbors, family, friends

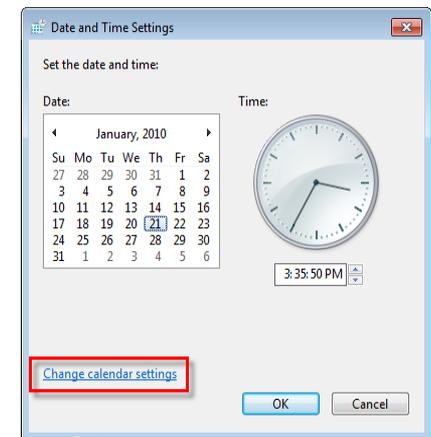




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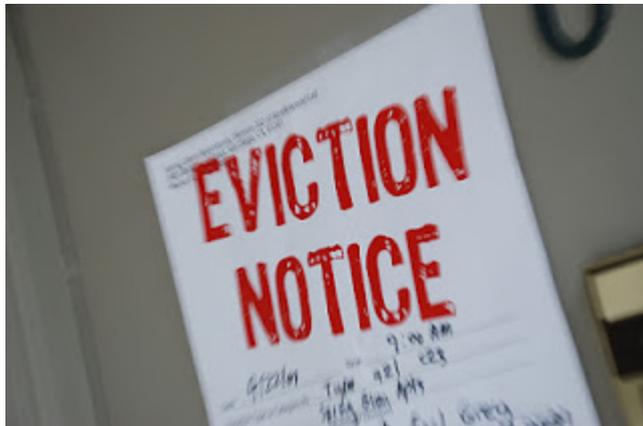


- All contacts with victim and/or addresses
  - Witness, complainant, victim, suspect, booking photos
- Inquire with every possible police department the victim may have had contact with
  - Use every address they have lived at
- Use specific dates and times (if known)



# FINANCIAL HISTORY

- Civil
- Garnishments
- Evictions
- Property



# EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Where?
- How long?
- Disciplinary actions?
- Subpoena, court order, or possible signed release



# MEDICAL HISTORY

- Get a release from the alleged victim or court order
- ER Records
  - Physical condition
- Previous health issues
- Drug use
- Mental Health
- Toxicology



Unfortunately your HMO doesn't cover anesthesia so we're going to have to use our low-budget procedure to put you out.



# INTERVIEW THE VICTIM

- What are they going to say when they testify?
- Current relationship between them and the client?
- Past relationship with client?
- What does their residence look like?
- Background checks, records, and the interview accomplish much better and more accurate results.
  
- How do they come across?
  - Honest
  - Credible
  - Emotional
  - Angry
  - Vulnerable
  - Consistent
  - Sober



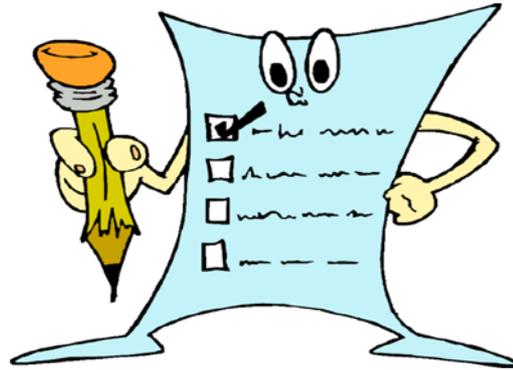
# THEORIES OF VICTIMOLOGY

- Perpetual victim
- If important to the case
  - Hire an expert
    - Fancy doctors, tests and theories



# ASSIGNMENT COMPLETE

- You need to collect as much factual and unbiased information as possible.



- Work with your attorney to determine the best way to frame it and then present it to the district attorney at the appropriate time.



# QUESTIONS - COMMENTS

