



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION Police Officer Standards and Training Council Connecticut Police Academy

Instructions

November 8, 2012

NAME OF AGENCY

WITNESS INSTRUCTIONS – IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Agency Case Number: _____ Date: _____

Time: _____ Location: _____

1. Please listen carefully as these instructions are read aloud to you. Each one of the instructions is equally important. You have been given a copy of these instructions to read along with the officer if you wish.
2. You will be asked to view an array of photographs or a group of persons, and each photograph or person will be presented one at a time;
3. It is just as important to exclude innocent persons as it is to identify the perpetrator;
4. The persons in the photographic lineup or live lineup may not look exactly as they did on the date of the offense because features like facial or head hair can change;
5. The perpetrator may or may not be among the persons in the photographic lineup or live lineup;
6. You should not feel that you must make an identification;
7. You should take as much time as needed in making a decision;
8. If you are able to make an identification of someone, you will be asked to describe in your own words how certain you are of that identification;
9. Even if you are able make an identification, you will be asked to finish the procedure by looking at all the photographs or all of the individuals until you have completed looking at each one;

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10. If there are other witnesses, you must not indicate to them that you have or have not made an identification of a person;
11. The officer administering this procedure either does not know whether any of the people in the photographic array or in the lineup were involved in the crime or does not know the order in which you are viewing the photographs;
12. If you do select someone, the officer will not be able to provide you any information about the person you have selected;
13. If you select a person or photograph you will be asked to provide a statement about this process and the results. If you don't recognize anyone in the lineup, please say so;
14. Whether or not you select someone, the police will continue to conduct an appropriate investigation into this matter.

I, _____, acknowledge that the above instructions have been read to me by _____, and I fully understand those instructions.

Eyewitness Signature: _____

Date of the procedure: _____ Time of the procedure: _____

Identification Procedure Administered by: Signature: _____

Names of All Persons Present: