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# Anatomy of a Police Report

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Police reports are often the  
beginning of your case, not  
the end.

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## Let's discuss

- What I think when I look at a police report.
- How we use what we learn in trial.

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## Initial Steps

- Transportation code violations:
  - exiting a private drive;
  - unsafe speed;
  - stop sign; and,
  - traffic signal.
- Is the investigating officer in a traffic or transportation unit?

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## Initial Steps

- Spoken language of drivers, witnesses, and officers.
- Notes on witnesses.
- Injury severity might matter (consider changes to reporting guidelines).

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## Initial Steps

- Correct geographical information listed?
  - Highway?
  - Address?
  - County?
  - County line splits?
  - Unincorporated area?
  - Companies sharing space?

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