

# 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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