

<u>Anatomy of a Police</u> <u>Report</u>

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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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