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CROSS EXAMINATION OF POLICE OFFICERS IN THE AGE OF BODY WORN

KISS and Let the
Camera Speak for Itself

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Endgame

All eyes on you

You are the storyteller

Cross with purpose

Video 1st, talk 2nd

Let it breathe

No arguing

Save the outrage for closing



Six Attack Categories for Officers

- Perception: lighting, distance, speed
- Memory: stress, demeanor, timing, conversations
- Bias: suspect-focused investigation, partner loyalty
- Untruthful character: sustained findings, false reports
- Prior inconsistent statements: report, video,
- Contrary facts: physical evidence, medical records, civilian witnesses, police training

**DQ's
Six Attack
Categories
for Officers**

Police are Human

Police Make Mistakes

Police are Biased

Police Pick on People

Police Tell Untruths

Police are BAD

Routine Investigation – Clip #1



2024-04-26 12:32:32 -0700
AXON BODY 4 D01A37540



**Defense
Exhibit
#1**

Followup Investigation – Clip #2

2024-12-07 03:02:24 -0500
AXON BODY 4 D01A4077G



**Defense
Exhibit
#2**

“Officer #2” – Clip 3

2024-12-07 03:06:27 -0500
AXON BODY 4 D01A4077G



**Defense
Exhibit
#2**

SOPs/Protocols – Clip #4

2025-05-10 22:06:25 -0400
AXON BODY 3 X60A97856



**Defense
Exhibit
#1**

Probable Cause – Clip #5

2025-05-10 22:10:56 -0400
AXON BODY 3 X60A97856



**Defense
Exhibit
#1**

The Three C's

- Commit: lock them in
- Credit: elevate prior statement
- Confront: clear contradiction
- Extra C: cingle contradiction chapters

Do's and Dont's

- DO - Build questions from the officer's own words
- DON'T - ask for explanations
- DO - confirm facts
- DON'T – ask open-ended questions
- DO – get out one fact per question
- DON'T – ask for conclusions: “fair,” “reasonable,” “proper.”
- DO – use short sentences (7s)
- DONT – say “Do you recall?” unless memory is the point

The Control Continuum



“So your answer is yes?”



Use a polite stop gesture.



Use the record: “Your report says...”



Use the exhibit: “At 2:14:36, we see...”



Ask the judge for help only when necessary.

Process

- Watch once straight through
- Compare with report, warrant, indictment/accusation
- Watch again taking notes
- Six contradiction types
- Prepare chapter(s)
- Practice

How to Get These Admitted



Stipulation



File a motion hash it out early



Obtain Business Record Cert & file
Notice of Intent to Introduce Records



Meet witness, show video, label/preserve
recording, authenticate live

Our Lessons for Today

Preview

Prepare

Practice

Precision
Beats Drama

Let the Camera Do the Talking!

AI

File	
Name	cvs ai created.mp4
Item type	MP4 Video File (VLC)
File location	C:\Users\dwqueen\OneDrive - DeKa...
Size	1.98 MB
Date created	7/17/2026 1:34 PM
Date modified	7/17/2026 1:34 PM
Attributes	AL
Availability	
Offline status	
Shared with	
Owner	DCGA\dwqueen
Computer	DKPDO-B3NVF54 (this PC)



Survive

I need you

You need me

We're all a part of God's body

Stand with me

Agree with me

We're all a part of God's body

It is his will that every need be supplied

You are important to me

I need you to survive I pray for you

You pray for me

I love you

I need you to survive

I won't harm you

With words from my mouth

I love you

I need you to survive

Credits

- Kira Cavaliere (GSU '27)
- Anna Ruiz
- Annie Deets-McHugh
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Audio-Video:

Snarky Puppy – “Atchafalaya”

Hezekiah Walker – “I Need You to
Survive”

YouTube – The Civil Rights Lawyer



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