

EAGLE TIP SHEET



TIPS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

INTERVIEWING OLDER ADULTS

- Talk to older adults at eye level, never towering over. Sit close enough so they can see and hear you, without invading their personal space.
- When referring to the offender, never denigrate the offender. Follow the victim's lead.
- Pay attention to signs of discomfort and adjust the interview accordingly.
- Address any fears the older adult may have at the beginning of the interview.
- Avoid or reduce free recall, speed, complex sentence, multitasking, distractions and assembling.

TIPS FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY

INVESTIGATING ELDER ABUSE

- Work collaboratively in a multidisciplinary team
- Learn from APS Workers
- Ride along with Adult Protective Services
- Confer with prosecutor during early stages of investigation



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