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Pretext Phone Calls

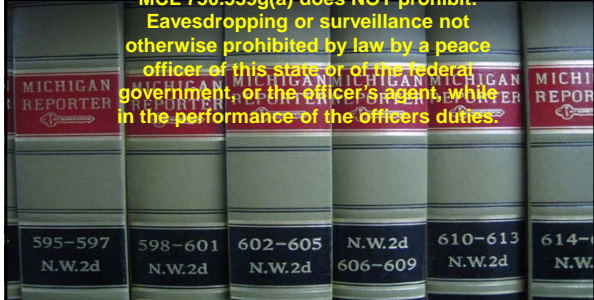


A Recorded Call from Victim to Suspect



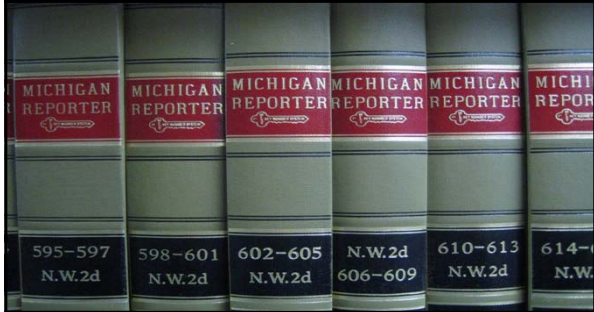
MCL 750.539g(a) - Law Enforcement Exception to Eavesdropping

MCL 750.539g(a) does NOT prohibit: Eavesdropping or surveillance not otherwise prohibited by law by a peace officer of this state or of the federal government, or the officer's agent, while in the performance of the officer's duties.




A Warrant Is Not Required

People v. Collins, 438 Mich 8 (1999)






If Suspect is Represented
Constitution and Ethics Laws are Implicated




Victim Safety and Avoiding Revictimization are Your Paramount Concerns

Advocate Involvement EARLY in the Investigation



Preparing the Script: What is it you want to accomplish?






Securing Admissions and Incriminating Statements

- “Why did you have sex with me after I pushed you away and told you to stop?”
- “You knew I was out of it and didn’t know what was going on, but you had sex with me anyway. Why?”




Prepare a List of Questions Designed to Keep the Suspect Talking in the Face of...

- Denials
- Apologies
- Evasion

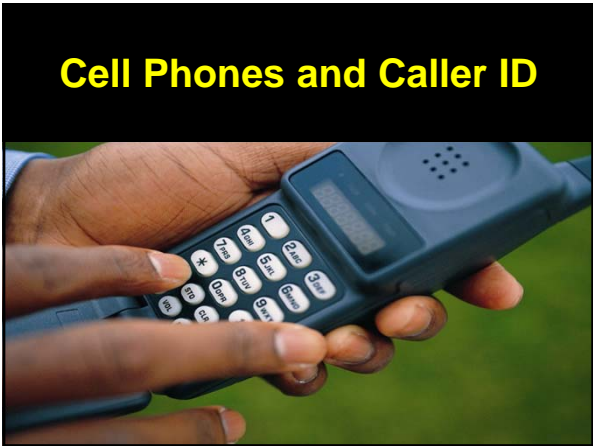


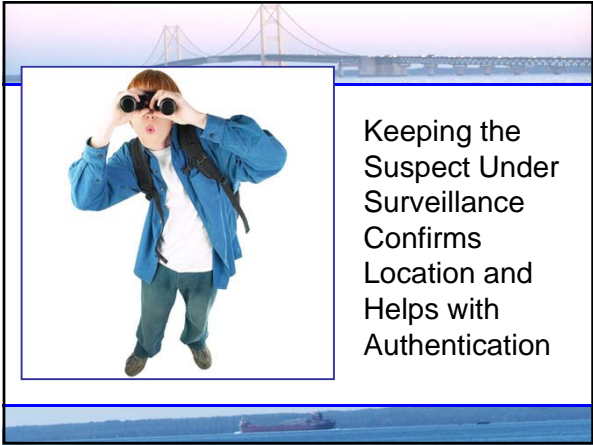
Prepare the Victim (and yourself) for:

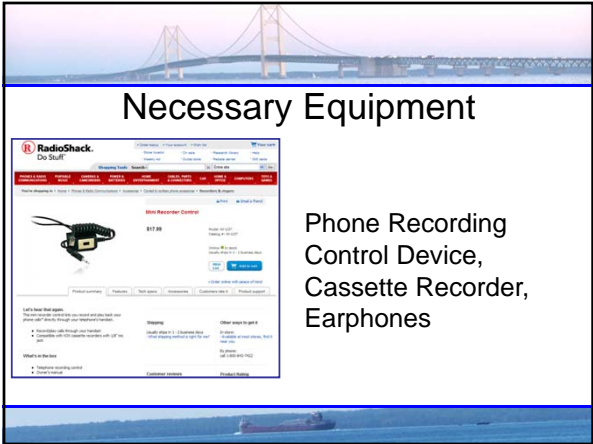
- Voicemail
- Busy Signal
- Call Waiting
- Someone Else Answers



Prepare the Victim for the Question "Have you told the police?"









"The single most effective investigative tactic that I've used over the course of any sexual assault investigation is the use of a well-thought-out pretext phone call from the victim (usually) to the suspect. If your goal is to seek justice in the form of a criminal conviction, I know of no better way to meet that standard." Sgt. Elisa Umpierre, Rochester Police Department

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