

Investigations within Mental Health Facilities

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As you watch the video, follow along and complete the questions in this guide. You can stop the video and view a section again if needed. The goal is for you to complete this guide and then discuss the material with your designated agency trainer or facilitator.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4427.5 puts mandates on facility law enforcement and developmental centers to report six crimes to local law enforcement agencies. Which of the following is NOT one of those six crimes?

- A: Sexual assault of a resident
- B: Assault with a deadly weapon
- C: Property theft of a resident
- D: Broken bone of a resident of an unknown cause
- E: All of the above must be reported to local law enforcement

It is not only important, but is now required by Assembly Bill 602, that local law enforcement officers respond out to and meet with facility law enforcement on reports of serious incidents at the facilities.

True _____ False _____

In the scenario involving a possible sexual assault within a facility bathroom, the female victim reported to staff members that the assault was against her will.

True _____ False _____

In the scenario involving a possible sexual assault within a facility bathroom, where was the suspect found after he ran from the bathroom?

- A: In the scenario he was not located
- B: He was restrained immediately at the scene, outside the bathroom
- C: He was found in his room within the facility
- D: He was found hiding behind bushes within the recreation yard

In the scenario where the low-functioning female was found to have a sexually transmitted disease, when the male and female officers interviewed the victim, why was she initially reluctant to talk to them?

- Answer:
- A: She was too shy and reserved to communicate with someone she didn't know
 - B: She did not relate well to males and would only speak to the female officer
 - C: She didn't understand what had happened to her and thus could not explain or answer questions
 - D: She did not feel comfortable in the meeting room and would only talk once she was back in her own room

In the scenario where the low-functioning female was found to have a sexually transmitted disease, how were staff members initially made aware that the victim had a sexually transmitted disease?

- A: The victim told a roommate that the victim was having vaginal pain and the roommate reported to staff
- B: The victim was found to have the sexually transmitted disease during an annual physical checkup
- C: The victim and suspect were discovered having sexual intercourse in the victim's room
- D: The victim reported vaginal irritation and was taken to see a doctor



In the scenario where the low-functioning female was found to have a sexually transmitted disease, the officers interviewed her with other staff members in the room. During the patrol team facilitation of this scenario, in what way was this discussed as a potential problem?

- A: The female sitting on the couch was never identified
- B: The female sitting on the couch could have been a suspect
- C: It is important to note and know who is in the room
- D: The female sitting on the couch may have been a friend of the suspect and may pass him information
- E: All of these were discussed

In the scenario depicting a patient on patient assault within a locked facility, a man who appears to be a janitor is preparing to clean up blood and evidence at the crime scene. Who prevents him from doing this?

- A: Another staff member
- B: The female responding officer
- C: Nobody stops him and he cleans up most of the evidence
- D: Facility law enforcement officers stop him

In the scenario depicting a patient on patient assault within a locked facility staff members tell the responding officers that the male suspect is being restrained with five-point restraints in another room. Although the officers are not seen in the scenario interviewing the suspect, if they were to do so, would Miranda be a possible issue? Why or why not? (Requires a written narrative)

In the group home where officers respond to interview the alleged victim of a theft, the victim reports that Osama Bin Laden is the suspect and he steals the victim's money each month. In a case like this where the information appears to be delusional, what reason or reasons might lead an officer to file a report on an incident such as this?

- A: Even delusional patients can be victims of crime
- B: Just because Bin Laden didn't steal the money, someone else may have
- C: The group home manager insisted that officers file a report as the patient has been acting more irrationally lately
- D: The group home manager refused to assist the officers by providing the patient's financial information
- E: A, B and D only
- F: A and B only

In the group home where officers respond to interview the alleged victim of a theft, the victim reports that Osama Bin Laden is the suspect and he steals the victim's money each month. The victim in this case was acting both delusional and agitated. Each of the following are suggested de-escalation techniques EXCEPT:

- A: Communicate things that sound validating such as, "I understand what you're saying" or "I don't blame you for feeling that way."
- B: Don't treat the patients like children
- C: Try to avoid telling them what you are doing, such as talking on the radio or calling for an ambulance for their injuries as these things may overwhelm them
- D: Try to focus on what you would like them to do and avoid telling them what they are doing wrong

