

# Defeating Deception in Interviews

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Most police officers engage in interviews suspecting the interviewee was deceptive but it takes decades before one can truly trust his gut and act on what he or she has been told about when a person is being deceptive. Mr. Parker brings decades of experience interviewing people as a criminal investigator and fraud investigator where success and getting to the truth meant knowing when and where to dig for details. Understanding where to dig means knowing when an interviewee is being deceptive. This class provides authentic confirmation of verbal and non-verbal cues you've read or heard about that Mr. Parker knows can be depended on.

Knowing what verbal and non-verbal indicators of deception can be counted on is a necessary talent in today's law enforcement. Whether interviewing victims or suspects, understanding deception is essential. And as we all know, we may only get one chance to interview a suspect, making the most of that opportunity is crucial.

This course is designed to:

- ✓ Inform the student of verbal and non-verbal indicators of truth and deception
- ✓ Illustrate those indicators through the use of videotaped interviews exhibiting the behaviors in real settings
- ✓ Illustrate those behaviors in a classroom interview of volunteer students. Every class includes a challenging "in front of the class" interview of several students which drives home the issues discussed in lecture.
- ✓ Inform students about a behavioral disorder known as Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.
- ✓ Inform students about "theme development" and its uses to compel a confession.
- ✓ Discuss considerations for the time, place and setting for successful interviews
- ✓ Cement your understanding about deception indicators by observing in-class demonstration

CLASS DATE: 11 OCT 2023

TIME : 8:00AM – 5:00PM

COST: \$75

LOCATION:

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*Who should attend: Patrol officers, new or experienced investigators and CID*



“Having been a detective for several years, I recognized the benefits of this course for any officer who interviews witnesses or suspects on a regular basis. The information is still current and relevant. I highly recommend you to other agencies and hope you are willing to come back to APD for additional training in the future.”

*Lieutenant Randy Pasley  
Director of Advanced  
Officer Training*

*Austin PD Academy  
(2009)*

## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Dennis Parker brings a unique perspective to the understanding of investigative interviewing because of his diverse experience in law enforcement and insurance fraud management. Dennis has more than 18 years of law enforcement experience from the municipal to the federal level.

In addition to police experience Dennis also managed insurance fraud programs for more than 12 years where interviewing skills is crucial.

Dennis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville Texas in 1985.

Dennis' experience of more than 1200 interviews under difficult settings allows him to speak confidently about everything you've heard or read about detecting deception.

## THE COURSE CASE STUDY:

The class includes a case study involving a family who experienced 2 infant deaths and a third near death which were all ruled SIDS disorders by coroners and medical professionals. Absolutely no evidence exists to cast suspicion on either parent or family member. To complicate matters, the incidents span over a 5 year period and two states, Ohio and Hawaii. Suspicion began to focus on the mother only after she reported being attacked and almost raped after closing at her place of employment, a day care center. Investigative work led to discovering the report was contrived which was confirmed in an ensuing interview. The subsequent months were spent analyzing medical histories of the family and background investigation of the suspect. The only and final remaining investigative step was decided: interview the mother and convince her we know the deaths were homicides and she is the person responsible. Our only hope is for a confession that is deemed admissible and flawless or else she continues working in day care.