



Group Five

Case Study Block 9 Intervention

TRAINEE

Officer James Short

Trainee Bio

Officer Short is a 44-year-old male who has a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He spent 22 years in the military and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Officer Short was the Honor Graduate of his police academy class. He has been married for 20 years. He has three children (19, 16 and 10 yrs). He is an experienced martial arts instructor and is bilingual in Spanish. Officer Short is well-spoken, confident and personable.

Scenario Description – Intervention

While working with Officer Short, you have noticed the way he relates to suspects. Whenever referring to them, even those involved in misdemeanors or infractions, he has frequently used military jargon in referring to them as “the enemy.” You have spoken to him as recently as yesterday about the inappropriate use of military terminology when talking in public about civilians suspected of committing crimes.

You and Short are now on directed patrol to address an on-going vehicle burglary problem in a designated area. Both of you watch as a male subject smashes the window of a car, reaches inside, and begins removing the stereo from the dashboard. As you attempt to detain the suspect, he flees. After a short foot pursuit, during which the suspect discards a knife, Officer Short catches him. The suspect continues to struggle while being arrested and as you walk the arrestee to your police car, Officer Short tells you he is glad that you’ve captured “another one.”

Because of the burglary series, the media becomes aware of the arrest and a film crew arrives on the scene. As you secure the prisoner in the back seat of your patrol car, the reporter walks up to Officer Short, followed by the camera operator, to get a statement about the arrest. Officer Short sees them coming, and he begins walking towards them.

Do you intervene in this situation, and if so, when?