

### Introduction to case management

"Investigators are the justice systems primary instrument of action

Truth is central to justice

Investigation is an art and a science. Investigators must be able to articulate and critically think

limitations on	not all crimes are reported, some are reported but not investigated, some are investigated but not prosecuted.
Law enforcement	Agent motivation and agency disagreements limited resources lack of skills or knowledge

### Goals of a criminal investigation/ steps required

the primary goal is to SOLVE A CRIME with the purpose of proving or disproving an allegation(s).

to accomplish this the criminal investigator must legally and systematically identify, collect, preserve, and evaluate evidence for the purpose of bringing crime to justice

<b>1. Case Initiation</b>	private sector referral proactive agent development Internal agency referrals External agency referral
<b>2. Assessment of Allegation/information</b>	check the source/victims reliability who has the authority (power to enforce) and jurisdiction (area/location and type of offense) to pursue the allegation agency policy statutory limitations

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**3. Development of an investigative plan** documents initial allegation and opens the investigation with a written report and management approval  
this is the "road map" developing a systematic approach to conducting the criminal investigation. Will likely include:  
case number  
subjects name  
potential violations  
checklist of tasks  
possible interviews  
potential problems

**4. Conduct the investigation safely** at this stage use appropriate techniques to gather evidence

three basic critical errors are:  
-statute of limitations(failure to investigate and refer the case in time  
-identify health issues in defendant or critical witnesses  
-failure of evidence to meet the critical elements of proof

identifying a probable suspect look for 3 critical elements:

Motive,  
Means,  
Opportunity

Investigative techniques and procedures include  
Interviewing, Public records research, Informants, Surveillance, Mail covers ,trash pulls, search and seizure warrants, grand jury subpoenas, digital forensics, undercover operations, crime scene processing, crime lab forensics. storefront operations, financial investigations, asset forfeiture, report writing



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**5. prepare an Investigative Summary (IS)** Summarize, memorialize evidence, determine if the AUSA want to take the case. Convey all relevant facts favorable or u favorable reports will include:  
subjects name, synopsis, violations, evidence, background information, list of witnesses

**6. Formal Referral to the US Attorneys Office**

**7. Processing Suspects through the Judicial process**

**8. Processing Criminal/Civil Assest Forfeitures**

**9. Close Investigation**

### Investigation, Judicial, post-judicial functions

#### Criminal investigator's role in the Investigative Process

Conduct an objective professional complete, detailed investigation  
prepare report presenting the results in a logical sequence

#### Criminal investigator's role in the Judicial Process

prepare original documents for trial admission  
assist the AUSA in pretrial interviews  
obtain and serve subpoenas  
manage witnesses  
maintain evidence

### Elements of case Management

art of balancing the investigating and administrative aspects of criminal investigation whil simultaneoulsy conducting multiple investigations given limited man power

**Knowledge** understanding weaknesses/defenses, elements of the crime, what is enough proof

**Organized and complete case file** must be easy to follow and understand if picked up by anyone else

**Legally obtained and secured evidence** must ensure a chain of custody, secure case file information. lock away sensitive information

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