

As Legitimate Methods To Interrogate Suspects

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tion. We must be very careful not to promise that there will be no prosecution. We must simply state that if we can go back to the victim with some of his money, some of his merchandise, he in fact may change his mind about the whole matter."

Hot Confession Technique

"In a housebreaking or shopbreaking whereby we suddenly come across the accused in the commission of his crime, police officer may draw his pistol or revolver not knowing what he may expect in the way of retaliation by the accused. After placing the accused under arrest, and while still in the possession of your revolver, you inform the accused that he is no doubt the party that is responsible for over fifty housebreakings or fifty shopbreakings or a great number of armed robberies in that particular district. While the suspect is still in the throes of emotion from his present predicament he is most liable to answer that he has only committed ten shopbreakings or maybe just four or five armed robberies. At the time of his arrest he is actually in a state of imbalance and by the pressure exerted by the interrogator the form of an accusation that he has been responsible for this great number of crimes he will certainly seek the lesser of the two evils and confess to the actual number that he did do."

Attack On His Vanity (Ego Deflation)

"You, Charlie! You creep! For Christ's sake who helps you on with your pants in the morning, your mother? You still have to wear braces. Look at you, you're wearing a belt. I bet somebody has to wipe your rearend for you everytime you go to the can. You couldn't do this job. You should be out on the corner selling pencils. You do this job! You're nothing but a has-been. You can't even go to the shit-house by yourself. Knock it off Charlie who planned it for you? What did you get for it, ten dollars for shining the guy's shoes?"

"In this approach we purposely try to deflate the

person's ego. One must be very careful to size up the suspect right and to know that he is actually a very good thief and takes pride in his work."

Conspiracy Technique

"In this technique, the interrogator drops his voice very low and his lines may go something like this.

"Come on over here Charlie. I don't know whether this place is bugged or not but come over here while I talk to you. Some of these guy's snoop at the doorway and try to hear what is going on. For Christ's sake, if you did it you did it and that's all there is to it. If it was an accident for Christ's sake say so. Maybe we can dress it up a little. Maybe we get you a little less time, maybe we can deal. But for Christ's sake don't ever say I Said this to you because if you do I'll say you are a liar and never said anything. Use your head Charlie, you can get yourself off the hook. Don't talk too loud, just keep your voice down to a whisper, okay Charlie!"

Pyramid Of Lies Technique

"In this technique we catch the suspect in his first lie and then purpose-

ly foster more lies. When a suspect tells one lie he must continue to tell more lies to support his first lie. We purposely feed him material so that he will lie and finally when we have a pyramid that has been built up we take away his first lie and naturally the pyramid all falls down."

Interrogation Of Females

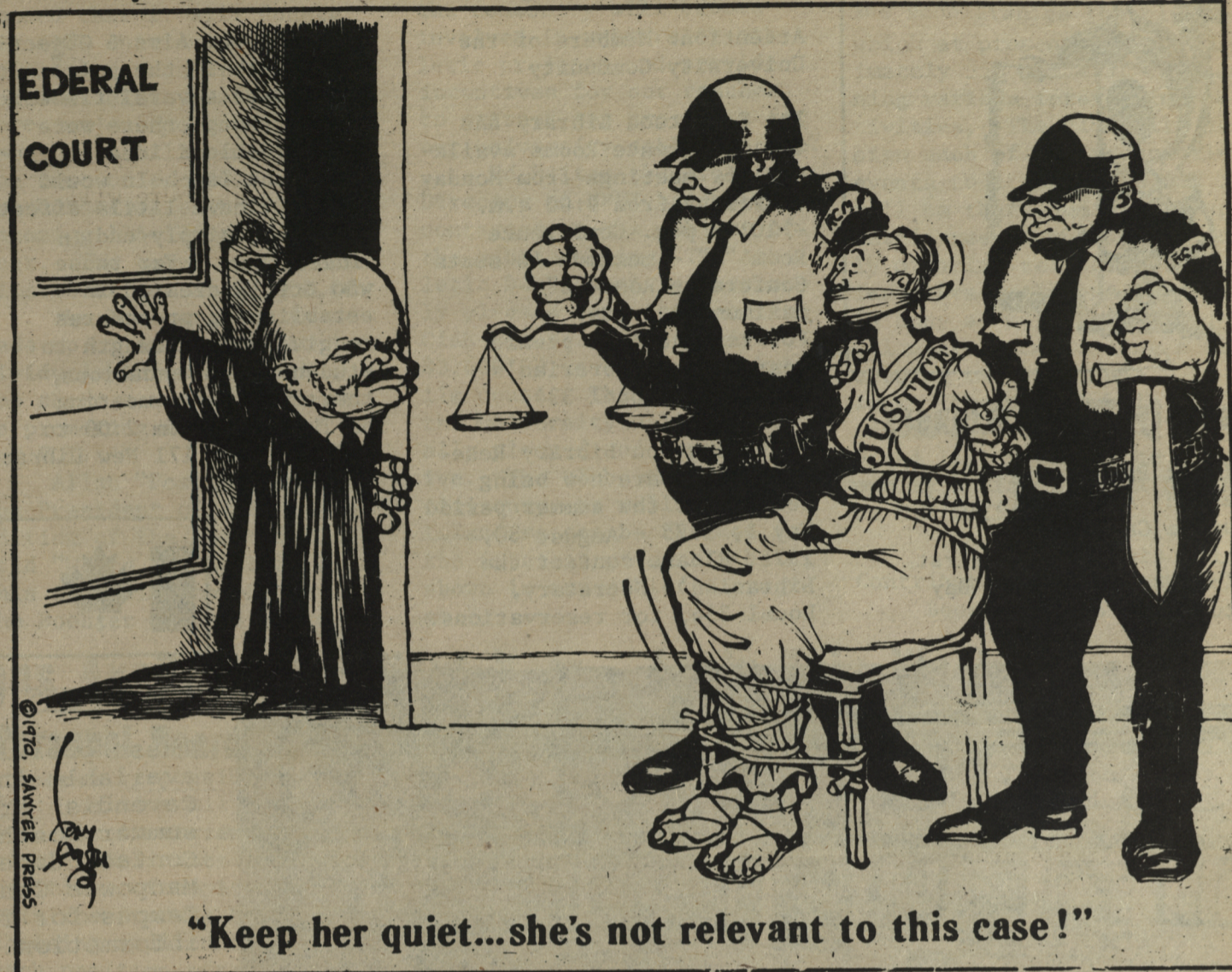
"Care must be taken when interrogating females. If at all possible have a policewoman right outside the door who may listen to the actual conversation. The policewoman is placed there for the protection of the interrogator so at no time can the female subject say she was taken advantage of by the interrogator.

"The interrogator first attempt to find out whether or not the female he is interrogating has any children. If she has a child then we would talk about her child. Ask the age, ask the sex, ask what school it goes to, if she has any pictures. Tell her it looks like her. Speak of her love for the child. Reiterate that her prime function in life is to reproduce. That is what god placed her no earth for. It makes no difference whether the women we are speaking to is a prostitute or an ordin-

ary bank clerk. Women are emotional and an emotional approach is the best to use on women. We use the emotion of love, jealousy, and fear. Love for her parents, love for her children. Jealousy of the husband or boyfriend. How he will be enjoying himself if she goes to jail. Fear of jail. The cotton dresses that they wear in jail made out of jute cloth. The floppy shoes. She is no longer an individual but is classed as a unit. We then slip into the "Heaven and Hell" technique."

Conclusion

"Certainly there are many other techniques that have been employed by police officers in the investigation of any crime but they will all basically follow the approaches or techniques enumerated in this paper. There are facets of human nature, must be cognizant of those things which affect human nature. He must read avidly every article pertaining to the manipulation of human nature. We as police officers must constantly remind ourselves that we are servants of the public and not its master and we must never overstep the boundaries pertaining to the human dignity of man."



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