

The following admonishment and questions should be addressed in the interview, but do not have to be verbatim.

Utilize wording you feel appropriate to build a rapport with the suspect.

Admonishment: Hello, my name is _____. I am a (Rank/Title) for KCSO. This is a Use of Force interview being completed for administrative purposes and to ensure the actions taken in this incident are in compliance with department policy and all applicable laws. You are not required to provide a statement and your participation in this interview is completely voluntary. **This interview will be recorded.**

Remember to ask open-ended questions. Do not challenge or argue with the suspect. Let them talk

Questions:

- What is your name?
- Are you injured in anyway? Describe where? Do you need medical treatment?
- Did you have any injuries prior to this incident with the Sheriff's Office?
- Have you been drinking or using any drugs? If so, what?
- Can you tell me what happened between you and the deputy(ies)?

Remember to obtain enough details to ensure a thorough understanding of the incident. **Ask about:**

- Location and actions of deputies, suspect and witnesses
 - Number of deputies
 - Identify which deputy(ies) they are referring to, either by name or description
- Was force used against you? If so, what force was used against you? Was there any other type of force used against you?
 - Why do you think this happened?
 - After you were handcuffed, was there any other force used against you?

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Ensure that overall photos are taken whether you see injuries or the LACK of injury. Take photos at the hospital, or jail, after the injuries have been cleaned. The purpose of photographs is to document the injury (or absence of), not all the blood, dirt, etc.

TURN CARD OVER AND REFER TO BACK IF A K - 9 WAS UTILIZED



Canine (K-9) Use of Force Supplemental Questions:

- Are you injured? If so, describe where.
- Did you know that KCSO uses K-9's to find people?
- Did you know a KCSO K-9 was being used to search for you?
- Did you hear any announcements from deputies?
- How many announcements did you hear? What did they say?
- What did you do when you first saw, or heard, the K-9?
- Were you hiding or running from deputies?
- If you were hiding, where were you hiding?
- What were you doing when the K-9 found you?
- Why did you not surrender (after the announcements, or seeing the deputies/K-9)?
- Describe what happened when the K-9 engaged you.
- What part of your body did the K-9 engage you?
- Estimate how long the engagement lasted.
- Did you try to get away from the K-9?
- After the K-9 engaged you, what did the deputy tell you to do?
- What did you do after hearing their command?
- Was there any other force used against you?
- Is there anything else you want to tell me about the K-9 engagement?

