



# TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Lt Cross

**From:** Detective Victor Riggin

**Subject:** StarWitness Field Interviewer

**Date:** 01/02/2018

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I would like to formally submit a request for the Topeka Police Department to purchase two Field Interviewer Kits from StarWitness. I will get the price out of the way so as not to surprise you at the end or seem like it is hidden in the memo.

The price for each Field Interviewer Kit is \$ [REDACTED] for a grand total of \$ [REDACTED].

Each Field Interviewer Kit includes the following items:

- Video Camera
- Fish Eye Lens (for wider picture)
- Car Charger
- Wall Charger
- (2) Charge Cords
- USB Flash Drive Adapter
- Mobile Battery
- (2) SD Cards
- SD Card Reader
- Samsung Tablet
- Instructions
- Product Software CD

There is no license for the software and can be downloaded to a desktop.

My suggestion is that the Topeka Police Department purchase two units with the objective to maximize the interview capabilities for Detectives assigned to CIB. I think Detectives who are assigned to the Special Victims Unit and the Homicide Unit will benefit most from the purchase of the Field Interviewer.

For the past three weeks Detectives from the Special Victims Unit and the Homicide Unit field tested the demo unit sent to us by StarWitness.

Multiple Detectives utilized the device:

- Det Berg
- Det Riggin
- Det Green (with assistance from Det Riggin)

Feedback from use was that the device was easy to use and convenient to use. The limited amount of buttons on the device makes it easy to use even for the most **“technically challenged” individual. Being that it is a mobile unit it’s uses seem to be** endless. For instance we used the interviewer in the following locations:

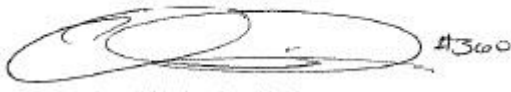
- Prison and County Jail (No Video Recorders)
- Workplace of Witnesses (Able to complete interviews without disrupting business)
- In a vehicle (In the field interviews)
- Office Space (Used for mobile safe talk when victim could not go to Lifehouse)
- LEC

In these cases the field interviewer was able to save the Detectives large amounts of time, video interview suspects when the capabilities were not there, interview victims making it more convenient for them and quickly interview witnesses without disrupting their schedule.

I could go on about **this system but I do not find any faults in the system. At the week’s end I have to send the demo unit back.**

I would endorse this product and I would respectfully request that the Topeka Police Department purchase two units immediately as this product greatly enhances how we can do our job even better.

Thank you for your consideration.



Victor Riggin #360