**Definitions**

**Reasonable Suspicion** - Articulable facts and circumstances that lead a reasonable and prudent police officer, based upon their training and experience, to believe criminal activity is afoot. (Criminal activity has happened, is happening, or is about to happen). This is the “Terry Stop” standard for investigative detention.

**Probable Cause** – Articulable facts and circumstances known to the officer that would warrant that officer to believe that:

1) A specific crime has or is occurring, and that

2) The suspect is the person responsible. This is the standard for an arrest.

**Social Contact** requires no standard of proof to initiate.

I*.e. A “mere suspicion” or “good faith hunch.”*

**Terry Stop-** requires reasonable suspicion

**Arrest-** requires probable cause

**Frisk**- A “pat down” of the outer clothing, used to locate and neutralize weapons.

The court describes a frisk as “ a minor inconvenience and petty indignity” which can be imposed upon the citizen in the interest of effective law enforcement and officer safety.

“Stop and Frisk” is a misnomer. They must be *independently justified.*

ABSOLUTELY NOT A SEARCH FOR CONTRABAND OR EVIDENCE!

Not allowed on a Social Contact (see *State v. Harrington, 167 Wn.2d 656, 222 P.3d 92 (2009*).