

Sandbox Analogy - Criminal Procedures

Session Materials

Social Sandbox

Officer has no authority to direct the behavior of the citizen being contacted. Contact may be for suspicion of crime that does not rise to the level of a “Terry” stop, or could also be the everyday conversation you may have with a citizen while patrolling your district.

Investigative Detention (Terry stop) Sandbox

Officer has authority to detain or direct the behavior of the citizen being contacted. Contact rises to a 25% belief that the citizen is involved in, or about to commit a crime. This belief is based on a reasonable police officer standard. Frisk factors are looked for, and a frisk compelled if frisk factors are present.

Probable Cause to Arrest Sandbox

Officer has the authority to bring the citizen into custody for a probable cause belief that a crime has been committed. Contact rises to a 51% belief that a crime has been committed and that the citizen more likely than not committed the crime.

