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UPCOMING TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

- NDAA is making its National Courses available virtually in light of health and safety concerns over COVID-19. Check out a full list of NDAA's virtual learning sessions at http://ndaa.org/wp-content/uploads/NDAA-Offerings-Covid19.pdf.
- NDAA's Prosecuting DUI Cases Online Course On Demand Training

https://ndaa.org/training/prosecuting-dui-cases/

- NDAA's Best Practices in DV, Sexual Assault & Human Trafficking
 - June 23, 2020 @ 2:00 3:00 pm EDT
- NDAA's Deconstructing Death—Trial Techniques and Strategies in Homicide Cases Learning Series June 29–July 1, 2020 @ 11:00 am – 3:30 pm EDT
- NDAA's The Murder of Tyshawn Lee A Case Study in Complex and High-Tech Evidence July 2, 2020 @ 11:30 am – 1:30 pm EDT
- NDAA's Summer Summit Learning Series
 July 20–21, 2020 @ 11:30 am 3:30 pm EDT
- NDAA's Digital Trial 101
- August 12, 2020 @ 2:00 pm 3:00 pm EDT



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Kentucky TSRPs Adapt Training During COVID-19 with

TSRP Tips of the Day

By Tom Lockridge and Aaron Ann Cole

efore COVID-19, we Kentucky Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRPs) were having a big year. We were booked solid teaching at Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) courses and conferences around the Commonwealth. We created and launched a state-specific "Cops in Court" training, where members of law enforcement watched one

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of four impaired driving video scenarios resulting in the arrest of the driver, wrote a report based on the assigned scenario, and participated in a mock trial exercise using their report. The training was scheduled at the Kentucky State Police (KSP) Academy five separate times and also at many other locations throughout the state. The program was certified for eight hours of continuing education training for law enforcement, and the course was growing in popularity.

Then came COVID-19.

Suddenly, while training was still necessary, in-person trainings were not possible. Trainers pivoted and responded to the newly required remote format, and excellent webinars sprung up across the country. With one of the Kentucky TSRP positions embedded at the

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KSP, we recognized the limitations of webinar training for law enforcement officers. There was no way a law enforcement officer, particularly during his or her shift, could sit at a desk for an hour of training. It was especially challenging because police presence at the station was minimized. Officers were increasingly engaged in high visibility enforcement. That meant they were typically in parking lots in their patrol cars ensuring that the public was following social distancing protocols. Lengthy webinars, therefore, were not always going to work for law enforcement. Prosecutors also started working remotely and could benefit from brief, bite-size trainings. We needed to adapt our training to meet the times.

That is how the idea of the "TSRPTip of the Day" was born. The TSRPTips are short, 1- to 5- minute tips for prosecutors and law enforcement to watch at home, at the station, on phones, or in patrol cars. These Tips consist of case law updates, investigation refreshers, and strategies and techniques to build successful cases and prosecutions. Thus far, the topics include a summary of *Kansas v. Glover*, the new US Supreme Court opinion on

reasonable, articulable suspicion; case law on canine searches at traffic stops; an HGN administration refresher; cross-examination prep; and law enforcement's civil liability if engaged in a negligent pursuit. Until now, we have presented the Tips as have Kentucky DRE Coordinators Rob Richardson and Rob Warfel. Once the restrictions are eased, we plan to utilize

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a broader range of speakers. Our speakers will be state and national experts—law enforcement officers, toxicologists, prosecutors, and others. As a result, we expect to generate even more momentum for the program.

The beauty of the TSRP Tips program is that it does not require a large financial investment, and the Tips are easy to prepare and consume. We are grateful to have some equipment purchased by the Kentucky Prosecutor's Advisory Council to help with the production. We maintain social distancing by filming with only two people; one of us films the Tip while the other presents. The Tips are hosted on a Vimeo account. Every Wednesday, the new "TSRP Tip of the Day" is distributed with an introductory email to prosecutors through a statewide listsery; law enforcement through the KSP Academy (which distributes it to the 800-person field); and Law Enforcement Liaisons (who send the Tips to their regional law enforcement agencies). The Tips are now pushed out to agencies in different states because interest has grown. Each Tip has been viewed many hundreds of times!

The Tips also generate follow-up questions from officers and prosecutors. If one person has the question, we imagine others have the same or a similar question. Thus, we include the questions, and our answers, in the following week's Tip.

We are happy to serve as a resource for anyone interested in beginning a TSRP Tip program in another state and to provide helpful information to police and prosecutors. Please feel free to distribute these Tips or contact us if we can help you start filming your own. To

be added to the distribution list, please contact the KSP-TSRP, Aaron Ann Cole (<u>AaronAnn.Cole@ky.gov</u>) or the UPS-TSRP, Tom Lockridge (<u>tlockridge@prosecutors.ky.gov</u>)

Here are links to the TSRP Tips we have released so far — please feel free to share:

INTRODUCTION TO TSRP TIPS

Prosecutors: https://vimeo.com/405160786

Law Enforcement: https://vimeo.com/405133798

April 8 Tip (First Tip): Aaron Ann discusses a brand new SCOTUS case about reasonable, articulable suspicion, *Kansas v. Glover:* https://vimeo.com/405156589

April 16 Tip: Aaron Ann and Tom discuss the use of canines during traffic stops or checkpoints: https://vimeo.com/405486251

April 23 Tip: Aaron Ann discusses strategies and techniques for officers use to prepare for cross-examination: https://vimeo.com/405491478

April 29 Tip: State DRE Coordinator Rob Richardson describes the administrative phase of the HGN test: https://vimeo.com/405954950

May 6 Tip: Aaron Ann discusses *Gonzalez v. Johnson*, 581 S.W.3d 529 (Ky. 2019), a Kentucky Supreme Court case about pursuits and law enforcement's civil liability if they negligently engage in a pursuit: https://vimeo.com/414276592

May 13 Tip: In today's tip: Tom discusses automobile searches under United States Supreme Court cases, *Gant* and *Ross:* https://vimeo.com/414281845

May 20 Tip: Aaron Ann continues the discussion automobile searches under a Kentucky Court of Appeals case about open containers of alcohol, *Jennings v. Commonwealth:* https://vimeo.com/420117743

May 27 Tip: DRE Coordinator Rob Warfel describes the "body survey" technique to be used while administering the Walk and Turn test: https://vimeo.com/405958701

June 3 Tip: Aaron Ann and Tom discuss the seminal United States Supreme Court cases about reasonable articulable suspicion, *Terry* and *Arvizu:* https://vimeo.com/425150188

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Speaker Bios

Since January 2018, **Thomas Lockridge** has been the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor at the Unified Prosecutorial System in Kentucky. A career prosecutor, he served for 26 years as Kentucky's 13th Judicial Circuit Commonwealth Attorney. Mr. Lockridge has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Carroll M. Redford Award as "Outstanding Kentucky Prosecutor," the Kentucky Attorney General's "Outstanding Commonwealth's



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Attorney," and the Kentucky Bar Association's "Outstanding Young Lawyer." He has served as President of the Commonwealth's Attorneys Association, and as a member of the Prosecutors Advisory Council, the Governor's Task Force on Sexual Assault, the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board, as well as chaired the Kentucky Multidisciplinary Commission on Child Sexual Abuse. He has additionally served as faculty at the National Advocacy Center, the Kentucky Prosecutors Institute, and at forensic interview clinics for the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. Mr. Lockridge also currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Kentucky Impaired Driving Task Force. Mr. Lockridge may be contacted at the Unified Prosecutorial System, 1024 Capitol Center Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by phone at (502) 696-5437 or email at tlockridge@prosecutors.ky.gov.

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