

### **3-01/040.76 - Obstructing An Investigation/Influencing a Witness**

Employees shall not take any action that could interfere with, delay, obstruct, distort or unduly influence any investigation.

Employees shall not take any action that could intimidate or unduly influence any participant in an investigation, nor engage in any conversation that could interfere with, delay, obstruct, distort, or unduly influence any investigation.

Any employee who knowingly gives false evidence, withholds evidence, or interferes in any way, during such an investigation, or requests or encourages another to do so, shall be deemed to have obstructed the investigation.

For purposes of this section, investigation shall include, but is not limited to, any criminal, civil, or administrative investigation, review, inquiry, inquest, hearing, trial, or similar activity conducted by representatives of this Department or any other governmental agency.

Nothing in this section is intended to preclude a member from seeking and/or receiving legal guidance, advice, or representation.

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