

# Preparing to Testify

## ***Introduction***

Read the information below to review helpful information about preparing to testify.

## ***Tips on Testifying***

- Contact prosecutor for questions in advance for preparation assistance.
- Review case notes and report in advance.
- Dress appropriately.
- Bring a copy of case notes and report.
- Make eye-contact with jurors.
- Speak clearly and audibly.
- Answer only questions that you are qualified to answer. Alternate responses by including "*I don't know.*" and "*It's not my area of expertise.*"

## ***Probable Court Questions***

- State your name, title, place and length of employment.
- What training have you received for this position?
- What did you do in this case?
- What are the details of the case?
- What items did you collect?
- What procedures did you use for the collection of the items?
- Did you take notes?
- Did you prepare a report?
- What does your report show?