



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2907.10 Preliminary polygraph test of sex offense victim.

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(A)(1) A peace officer, prosecutor, other public official, defendant, defendant's attorney, alleged juvenile offender, or alleged juvenile offender's attorney shall not ask or require a victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination as a condition for proceeding with the investigation or prosecution of the alleged sex offense.

(2) The refusal of the victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination shall not prevent the investigation of the alleged sex offense, the filing of criminal charges with respect to the alleged sex offense, or the prosecution of the alleged perpetrator of the alleged sex offense.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 2921.51 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Polygraph examination" means any mechanical or electrical instrument or device of any type used or allegedly used to examine, test, or question an individual for the purpose of determining the individual's truthfulness.

(3) "Prosecution" means the prosecution of criminal charges in a criminal prosecution or the prosecution of a delinquent child complaint in a delinquency proceeding.

(4) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Public official" has the same meaning as in section 117.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Sex offense" means a violation of any provision of sections 2907.02 to 2907.09 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Alleged juvenile offender" has the same meaning as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code.



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