

## What is the Role of the Police in Investigating a Crime?

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- There are 4 key players In the criminal justice system.
  - Police
  - Public prosecutor
  - Defense lawyer
  - judge



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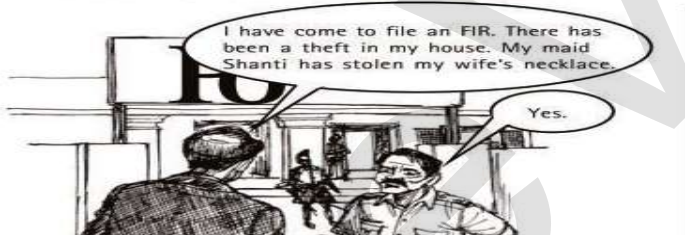
At their apartment in Mumbai Mrs Shinde is getting dressed. She has been frantically searching for her gold chain for over an hour.



Shanti Hembram has been working in the house for the past three years.



Mr Shinde has come to the police station.



Mr Shinde searches Shanti's trunk and finds an envelope with Rs.10,000 in it. He screams at Shanti saying that this is the money she's got from selling the chain.



Sub inspector (S.I.) Rao records Mr Shinde's FIR.



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## police

- Collects witness
- Create an opinion
- Record statement
- Files a charge sheet on the basis of the crime.
- Making a decision doesn't count on police work(guilty or innocent)
- Have to work according to the law.
- Cant shoot or torture the accuse even for the grievous offense



## Rights of an arrested person

- Right to be informed before the arrest for the offense.
- Right to be present in front of the magistrate within 24 hrs.
- Confession in police station cannot be used as an evidence.
- Under 15 yrs. old or a women cannot be called only for questioning.



## What is the role of the public prosecutor?

- A public prosecutor can only act after he investigation.
- Should collect or present materials, facts and witnesses and prepare him/herself before the court case.
- The accuse is known as shanti and the state is known as taking the whole interest of the state.



## What is the role of the judge?

- Acts like an umpire and works impartially.
- Decides whether a person is guilty or innocent.
- Gives a sentence on the basis of law and witness.



## What is a fair trial?

- Copy of charge sheet should be given.
- Trial should be held in a open court
- The accused should be granted with a defense lawyer.
- The defense lawyer should be given the right to cross examine he prosecution's witness.

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- Defense lawyer can present witness for the accuse.
- Caste, class, gender, religion should not be seen.
- family members of the accused can have the right to visit the court.



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