

Interview Approach with Psychopath

- Remind yourself why you are there, what initiated the contact
- Pay attention to the strategies the perp uses to justify their behavior and how ***matter-of-fact*** they are
- Pay attention to their lack of any genuine sense of concern for the victim or for the possible consequences they may face
- Go along with their projection of blame onto victim
- Trap them in their own alibi or blaming of the victim
- If they believe you are buying their story they will likely add more details and many of the details may appear egregious
- Stick to the facts without revealing too much
- Accuse them of things they did not do and let them correct you. By doing so, a confession to at least some of the crime will likely emerge (if you know they likely slapped the victim then accuse them of punching the victim). They have a need to correct you but doing so results in at least a partial confession.
- No special favors, do not attempt to befriend perp