

WHAT ARE THEY TELLING YOU?

A GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ON INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM

What you See/Hear

No eye Contact

Ignoring your questions

Does not want to be touched

The need to repeat directions/commands numerous times

Very agreeable, admits to anything

Inappropriate Comments/Language

Strange/Repetative Movement

What you Think

Hiding Something

Not Listening

Trying to Hide Something

Not Listning/Non-Compliance

Guilty

Rude/ Argumentative

Under the Influence

What they are telling You

Eye Contact makes me anxious and is difficult. I can't look at you if you want me to hear and understand you.

I hear you but I need extra time to answer. Please speak slow and don't ask me more than one question at a time.

Even the slightest touch hurts me. Please warn me if you have to touch me .

I learn better by seeing . Can you show me what you want me to do?

I struggle in social situations so I have learned that doing what others want me to do makes having friends easier.

I struggle in social situations. Therefore I don't understand the implications of how I am speaking to you.

I use repetative movements to calm myself. This is called stimming. Please don't try to stop me from stimming .

