

## **My Experience with John Grogan**

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I met Mr. Grogan in person in hopes of increasing my PEOA referrals. At the time, I did not have knowledge of Grogan's history of fraudulent activity that led to him losing his PI license and other permits. He stated he already had an examiner in my area, but wanted to use me because he liked me. Due to him flirting with me on the phone in the past, I took my friend Sandy with me to the meeting because I did not want him to think it was a date. He asked my friend about becoming a SAG (Screen Actor's Guild) member to help him with his TV appearances. After the lunch meeting he asked us what we were doing later that night and encouraged us to call him if we were bored. Through that meeting and phone conversations Grogan told me the following things:

1. The American Polygraph Association (APA) is a waste of time because it was just a small organization based out of Tennessee.
2. When I became a member of PEOA, he encouraged me to send him a picture so he could make me advertising postcards. Once he received my picture he gushed over how "Good Looking" I was and said if I was interested in him he would file for divorce. He also told me he wanted to marry a polygraph examiner "because they are the only ones who understand him" This made me feel extremely uncomfortable and I did not follow through with the advertising postcards.
3. When I mentioned that someday I might apply with the LAPD, Grogan claimed he could provide me with the LAPD hiring manual which included all interview questions for potential polygraph examiners. He would not provide me with an answer as to how he obtained these documents. After sharing how many tests I had conducted, Grogan stated that if I applied, I should write down on the application that I had conducted at least 1,000 tests, whether I had done them or not. He also told me LAPD was a terrible place to work because they constantly yell at their examiners.
4. He encouraged me on several occasions to photocopy all my training manuals from my APA approved basic examiners course and PCSOT course because he liked to keep these documents on file for his training classes. I questioned him as to whether that would be copyright infringement and Grogan said that it would not be since they were educational materials. He pressured me on several occasions to provide him with these documents but I never did.
5. He told me he taught at a polygraph school in California. He told me his students were in vocational rehab.
6. He told me he has been on over 350 television shows. He told me on some of the shows the producers tell him to say if the person is honest or deceptive, specifically he was told to give a thumbs up or thumbs down based on what the producers of the show told him to do rather than the real results of the test. Grogan stated he does not have a problem with falsifying the results. He also asked my friend, an actor, about getting a SAG card.
7. He stated his 18-year-old daughter was accepted into his polygraph school and is now an active examiner in California.

8. He told me that by being a PEOA member, I could become the busiest examiner in Arizona. (I completed less than ten exams in a year.) When I contacted the referrals Grogan sent, several of them told me they were no longer interested in the polygraph because Grogan had already administered a Voice Stress Analysis (VSA) test over the phone.
9. It should also be noted, I became a PEOA Member of the Month after only conducting two polygraphs through PEOA.