

Forensics Crime Scene Practical Final Exam



Crime Scene Log Book and Chain of Custody:

A log table must be kept for every person who enters, exits, and/or removes evidence from the crime scene. Anyone who touches the evidence at any time must be logged. The following must be in each log:

- person, date, time entering, time exiting, purpose, evidence being transferred
- this can be attached at the very END of the report

Duty List:

- Crime Scene Sketcher (1)
 - both rough and final (final can be computer generated)
 - final measurements must be the same units
- Crime Scene Measurer (everyone)
- Crime Scene Photographer (1)
- Evidence Moderator (1)
 - person keeps track of evidence collected and what processes need to be done to analyze collected/preserved evidence
- Evidence Collectors (everyone)
- Fingerprint Technician (1-2)
 - handles fingerprint evidence, dusts/lifts/fumes for fingerprints, analyzes said print, recreates/redraws identifying important traits/characteristics, identifies prints
- Hair & Fiber Technician (2)
 - same description as Fingerprint Technician
- Footwear Technician (1)
 - same description as Fingerprint Technician
- Tire & Tool Marking Technician (1-2)
 - same description as Fingerprint Technician
- Blood Spatter Technician (2)
 - documents and recreates blood spatter, analyzes pattern
- Report Writer (1)
 - either 1 person can type the entire report, or each person can do a portion and email it to the person in charge of the finished report
 - any final drawings/sketches should be numbered as figures, named, and attached at the end of the report

*Team members MUST take on MULTIPLE roles.

*EVERYONE should participate in every job listed above. However, if not assuming a role as one of the head technicians, you are to assist in the evidence analysis.

*Every technician(s) must give a conclusion, with sufficient evidence as backing, as to their findings.

Writing the Report:

1. Title Page

- title of report
- date report is being submitted
- team members

*At the top of the first page (after the title page) you must again list the names of everyone on your team AND identify the *jobs/roles/tasks* to which they were in charge.

*The body of the report, which will encompass the information below, must include section titles.

2. Description of the Crime Scene

- room conditions, date at which the investigation began
- referencing final sketch (you must also turn in the rough sketch with the report)

3. Crime Scene Assessment

- who was the first responding officer and what did their responsibilities include?
- how did you begin your investigation/what steps did you initially take when you arrived at the scene?
- how did you process/document the scene?
- what was the **order** of evidence collected and **why**?
- at what point did you close the crime scene and close your investigation?

4. Evidence Analysis

- list the evidence, and describe analysis techniques, data taken, results acquired
- put in a numbered, paragraph format or in a table format
- be thorough and complete in all explanations and conclusions

*NOTE: If you believe you have a match of fingerprint(s), ask the teacher before the last day of the final to make a photo copy of the suspect's prints. On this copy, you can then show why/how you made the match.

5. Conclusion of Investigation

- who did it, how, with what, possible reason as to why
- give supporting reasoning, citing specific evidence, for your conclusions

*****At the end of the report, each member of the team must sign the report.*****

