

Section 1 — Investigation: Crime Scene Processing

Procedure:

1. Read the following “Crime Scene” scenario:

On Wednesday evening, the next-door neighbor of Mr. Tom Livingston called the police to report the sound of gunshots. When the police arrived at Mr. Livingston’s apartment they found the following in the bedroom of his residence: a piece of torn bloody fabric, two 9mm casings, muddy shoe prints and Mr. Livingston with a gunshot wound to his right thigh.

2. Empty the contents of the plastic bag onto your work area.
3. Each item symbolizes a step in crime scene processing. Using the crime scene scenario and the list of steps outlined under the “Background” information, determine which step each item symbolizes. Write your answers in Data Table I.

Data Table I	
Item	Step
Film canister	Ex. Photograph the scene
Graph paper with measuring tape	
Crime Scene tape	
Memo book	
“Witness Question” sheet	
“Search Pattern” card	
Bandaging material	
Evidence bag	

4. Using the “Background” information, the “Crime Scene” scenario, and your data from Data Table I, discuss with your partner what you think the logical sequence of steps is for processing a crime scene.
5. On your work area, place the items from the plastic bag in the order that you feel represents the proper sequence of steps for processing a crime scene.
6. When you are finished, ask your teacher to check your work.