

Section 1 — Investigation: Crime Scene Processing

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Objective:

To determine the proper sequence of steps for evaluating and processing a crime scene.



Background:



- Crime scene processing involves taking steps to ensure the methodical and lawful collection of information and evidence at a crime scene.
- Proper processing aids in the reconstruction of a crime and assists in the admissibility of evidence for court proceedings.

The following represent steps (not in order) that are taken by investigators when processing a crime scene:

- ‡ Collecting evidence
- ‡ Sketching the scene
- ‡ Searching for evidence
- ‡ Providing medical attention to injured persons
- ‡ Photographing the scene
- ‡ Recording notes
- ‡ Securing the scene
- ‡ Interviewing witnesses



Materials:

One large plastic bag containing the following items:

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| • Film canister | • Search pattern card |
| • Graph paper with measuring tape | • Evidence bag |
| • Memo book | • Bandaging material |
| • "Witness Question" sheet | • "Crime Scene" tape |