

Crime Scene Basics

Name _____

1. Crime Scene Vocabulary

_____ : Any physical location in which a crime has occurred or is suspected of having occurred.

_____ Crime Scene: The original location of a crime or accident.

_____ Crime Scene: An alternate location where additional evidence may be found.

_____ : Person thought to be capable of committing a crime.

_____ : Second person associated with committing a crime.

_____ : Statement of where a suspect was at the time of a crime.

2. Types of Evidence

_____ evidence would be any witnessed accounts of an incident or crime.

_____ evidence would refer to any material items that are present at the crime scene or on the victims.

_____ evidence refers evidence that is found at a crime scene in small but measurable amounts.

3. What will evidence collected at a scene do for the investigation?

- May _____ that a crime has been committed
- Establish any _____ of a crime
- Link a _____ with a crime scene or a victim
- Establish the _____ of a victim or suspect
- Corroborate verbal _____ testimony
- Exonerate the _____.
- Give _____ leads to work with in the case

4. Crime Scene Personnel

_____ are typically the first to arrive at a crime scene. They are responsible for securing the scene so no evidence is destroyed and detaining persons of interest in the crime.

The _____ documents the crime scene in detail and collects any physical evidence.

The _____ is often present to help determine if any search warrants are required to proceed and obtains those warrants from a judge.

The _____ (if a homicide) may or may not be present to determine a preliminary cause of death.

_____ (entomologists, forensic scientists, forensic psychologists) may be called in if the evidence requires expert analysis.

_____ interview witnesses and consult with the CSI unit. They investigate the crime by following leads provided by witnesses and physical evidence.

5. Crime Scene Protocol

What steps will an investigator follow to analyze and document a crime scene?

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____

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Challenge: What evidence would you collect from this crime scene?

Circle the items you would collect and then explain how you would use them to gather clues about the crime.



Mock Crime Scene: <http://www.mass.gov>