

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:

- Film canister
- Graph paper with measuring tape
- Memo book
- “Witness Question” sheet
- Search pattern card
- Evidence bag
- Bandaging material
- “Crime Scene” tape