

# Crime Scene Laboratory Outline

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**Introduction:** How does a crime scene unit conduct a crime scene investigation?

**Problem:** Who killed the victim at 75West 205<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 1A?

**Hypothesis:** Who do you believe committed the crime and why?

**Data:**

Body form

Rough sketch

Smooth sketch

Photographs (Under each photograph write a paragraph explaining what can be seen in each photo)

Notes

**Analysis:**

1. Identify the physical evidence you collected at the crime scene.
2. Explain how each piece of physical evidence you identified in connection with this crime should be collected, packaged and preserved.
3. Identify the divisions of the lab where each piece of physical evidence will be examined.
3. Explain how each piece of physical evidence will be examined in the crime lab.
4. Explain how the chain of custody will be maintained?
5. Answer the following questions:
  - (a) Who did it?
  - (b) What happened?
  - (c) When did it happen?
  - (d) Did it happen in the room or was there another crime scene involved?
  - (e) What motivated the killer or killers to take the victim's life?
  - (f) What evidence is there to prove motive?
  - (g) What circumstances led to the crime?
  - (h) Who is the victim? How do you know?
  - (i) How was the victim most probably killed?
  - (j) At what time was the victim most probably killed?
  - (k) Why was the crime committed?
  - (l) How would you explain your smooth sketch to the members of a jury?

**Conclusion:**

1. Whom should Officer Villani arrest in connection with this crime? (First + last name)
2. What evidence supports your conclusion?
3. Does your conclusion support your hypothesis? Why or why not?