

Crime Scene Template



Book Title: _____

Inciting Incident: _____

Manner of Death: _____

Cause of Death: _____

Report: _____

Venue: _____

Location: _____

Crime Scene: _____

Witnesses: _____

Victim: _____

Condition of Remains: _____

Evidence: _____

Facts: _____

Crime Scene Layout Diagram

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Construct Your Scene Legend

Inciting Incident: (Murder, Kidnapping, Robbery, etc.)

Manner of Death: (Homicide, Suicide, Accident, Undetermined)

Cause of Death: (Gunshot, Stabbed/Slashed, Beaten, Strangled, Drowned, etc.)

Report: Active (Antagonist present, incident witnessed) or Delayed (crime/body reported or discovered after the fact)

Venue: (Urban, Suburbs, Rural)

Location: (Residential, Commercial, Public access areas, Field, Forest, Water)

Crime Scene: Primary (Place of initial antagonist-victim contact) or Secondary (Place where victim taken/last contact.)

Characters: (Protagonist, other authorized persons)

Scene Security Measures: (Barriers, Crime-scene tape, Uniformed Officers)

Witnesses: Eyewitnesses, Fact Witnesses (First Responders), Acquaintances, Family, Friends, Neighbors

Victim: (Gender, Race, Age, Identity)

Condition of remains: (Appearance, Clothing, Injuries, Posture, Post Mortem Changes)

Evidence: Direct (Demonstrative) or Circumstantial (Inferences)

Facts: Disclosed (Facts unveiled to readers) and Undisclosed (Facts withheld from readers until the appropriate time)

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