











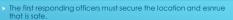
The body and anything on it or in the decedent's pockets.

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WHAT BELONGS TO THE DEATH INVESTIGATOR?

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- The area of the crime scene should be taped off with police tape. (always tape off more than what you actually need-this gives you space and this way you can work from the outside in, ensuring the entire scene is taped off)
- Detectives must be called.
- > Crime scene investigators must be called.
- Officers should canvas the area for any witness
- > Detectives should conduct interviews with involved parties.

HANDLING THE SCENE, A CHECK LIST

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Crime scene investigators process the scene. This includes photos, scene assessment, and evidence. The death investigator, for medical examiner or coroner, depending on your area) arrives. CSI's should take additional photos of the body while the death investigator is there. If any swabs need to be collected, it must be done with the persence of the death investigator and must be documented.

> Anything out of place. If your gut says it's wrong or significant, it is



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- > Any weapons.
- > Any evidence relevant to the case.

WHAT EVIDENCE SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR?



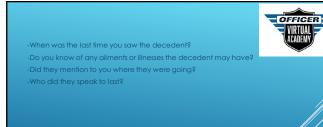
 Remember DO NOT move the body until the death investigator arrives on scene. Blood pooling-this will indicate what position they are or have been in and suggests how long the person has been deceased.

-Pallor Mortis: This is the first stage, and it is when color begins to drain from the body.

-Algor Mortis: When the temperature of the body begins to drop. The second stage or sign of death. Rigor Mortis: When the body become stiff. Third stage of death.



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INTERVIEWS-IT IS IMPORTANT TO GATHER THE RIGHT FACTS

> You must find some type of identification of the decedents.



Any weapons > Any narcotics

If it is a suspicious death or even a suicide you must process the crime scene which will mean collecting much more evidence such as trace, biological, possibly phones/ electronicsand any other items involved.

EVIDENCE TO COLLECT

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