

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION CASE FILE PROFILE

THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT MURDER BOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Many police departments — especially those that are small, that do not have much experience investigating homicides, or that struggle for adequate resources — do not have a standardized case file structure for their homicide investigations. Instead, a large folder, accordion file, box, or plastic storage bin, with little to no organization or uniformity, is oftentimes used to house investigative documents. This type of unstructured case file system limits the accessibility of key case investigative documents and compromises the efficiency and effectiveness of the investigation and potential prosecution.

In the early 1980s, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) recognized this deficiency in their organization and developed a homicide investigation case file structure, entitled the Murder Book, to bring organization and standardization to homicide case files. The uniform structure of the Murder Book allows anyone involved in a homicide investigation, including other detectives, supervisors, and prosecutors, to review and locate key investigative reports, photos, and other materials in a standard way. As a result of utilizing the Murder Book, LAPD homicide detectives are able to more effectively manage their heavy investigative caseload.

PURPOSE

The LAPD Murder Book is an example of a case file structure that can be adapted and customized by agencies seeking to implement a case file management structure. The Murder Book case file structure has been used successfully by LAPD for nearly four decades. It ensures proper documentation of a homicide investigation, facilitates effective case supervision, meets the needs of prosecutors for successful prosecution, and supports a cold case investigation should the case be reinvestigated.

This profile of the LAPD's Murder Book outlines the overall construction of an LAPD homicide investigation case file and details the contents of each section of the book. Examples of documents often contained within the Murder Book are provided. The structure can be utilized in either a hard-copy format (case binder) or replicated in a digital case management system. Some of the Murder Book's sections can also be applied to organize nonfatal shooting investigation case files.

BACKGROUND

This profile of the Murder Book draws on the experience of Detective John Skaggs (Ret), who retired in June 2017 after serving more than 30 years with the LAPD. Detective Skaggs spent over 23 years assigned to homicide investigations, was the lead detective on 165 homicide investigations, and directly supervised more than 200 homicide investigations. During the course of his career, Detective Skaggs amassed a wealth of knowledge pertaining to homicide investigation case file management and the critical components of successful homicide prosecutions.

Detective Skaggs has conducted numerous homicide unit assessments and extensive reviews of homicide case files, and has conducted homicide investigation trainings throughout the U.S. Based on his experience investigating and supervising homicide investigations and assessing homicide units, Detective Skaggs developed and further refined the Murder Book case file management structure used by the LAPD and several other high-performing homicide units.

MURDER BOOK DEVELOPMENT

Every homicide investigation requires the compilation and maintenance of a structured case file, either in electronic or hard-copy format. Utilizing and maintaining an all-inclusive investigation case file structure is a proven best practice that can ensure an investigation is properly documented and facilitate proper case management, supervision, and prosecution.

If a homicide investigation is conducted under one case number, then there should only be one Murder Book. For example, if the homicide investigation involved multiple victims but is listed under one case number, then there should only be one Murder Book.

The Murder Book case file consists of a three-ring binder, which contains all case-related materials outlined in the sections below. Case file dividers correspond to a Table of Contents with indices numbered 1 through 28. The indices correspond to topic headings within the Table of Contents and should be used to contain reports, photographs, notes, and any other information pertaining to that topic.

NOTE: A homicide investigation case file is discoverable, meaning its contents may have to be turned over to defense counsel during pre-trial proceedings. When a suspect is arrested and charged, a copy of the case file (in a binder) shall be provided to the prosecutor assigned to the case upon request.

MURDER BOOK CASE FILE SECTIONS

The following lists each section of the LAPD Murder Book case file and provides a brief description of the content of each section.

Table of Contents ([see appendix 1](#))

Section 1 Chronological Record

This form documents, in summary form, the chronological record of the investigation, recording the date and time of the entry, as well as the name of the detective who authored the entry.

All homicide investigations should contain a chronological record of events that document advancement in the investigation and information needed for future investigation. It should provide a brief description of the detective's actions, what was investigated, and what may need to be further investigated at a later time. It should reference where in the Murder Book a report or notes that further explain the event or issue can be found. The reader of the chronological record should be able to understand how the investigation progressed ([see appendix 2](#)).

Section 2 Crime Scene Log

All investigations should have a crime scene log that documents all personnel present at the crime scene who enter the area not accessible to the public. The report should document the personnel, their names and identification numbers, time of arrival and departure, and their duties performed at the scene. The crime scene log should identify the name of the officer who maintained and completed the crime scene log ([see appendix 3](#)).

Section 3 Crime Report

The crime report should be completed by the primary investigator. This report contains victim information, witness information, a summary of their statements, and a synopsis of the crime, including modus operandi. This report is also commonly referred to as a "24-hour" homicide report ([see appendix 4](#)).

Section 4 Death Report

This section contains the death report ([see appendix 5](#)).

Many departments produce a death report for all deaths in their jurisdiction, whether it be from natural causes, an accident, a suicide, traffic death, or homicide. On criminal homicide deaths, a crime report and/or an incident report, as previously outlined, is also produced to report the crime.

Section 5 Property and Evidence Report(s)

This section contains all reports regarding the recovery and storage of property and evidence (e.g., recovered property report, evidence report, and chain of custody reports).

Section 6 Crime Lab Report(s)

This section contains requests for laboratory examination of evidence and all reports regarding the scientific analysis of evidence, including NIBIN, DNA, and latent prints completed by any crime laboratory.

Section 7 Vehicle Report(s)

This section contains all vehicle reports pertaining to the investigation, including photographs of the vehicle and motor vehicle computer printouts.

Section 8 Arrest Report(s)

All arrest reports generated from the investigation should be stored here, as well as any prior arrest reports related to suspects, witnesses, and others who are involved in the investigation. Subsections can be created to separate items related to specific individuals.

Section 9 Related Crime Report(s)

Crime reports related to victims, suspects, witnesses, and other individuals should be gathered together here. Subsections can be created to separate items related to specific individuals.

Section 10 Follow-up Report(s)

This section contains reports written by homicide detectives related to the current investigation that are produced after the completion of the initial crime report. Generally, a follow-up report is used by a detective to document investigative steps taken that are important to the progress of the investigation.

One of the most important reasons to produce a follow-up report is to present a case to the prosecutor's office for charging a suspect. The follow-up report should include all important developments in the case that support the request for charges on the particular individual(s). Instead of verbally explaining a case to the prosecutor and supplying several individual reports that may include witness' statements, lab results, and descriptions of the crime scene, a follow-up report would include all of this information in a single document.

Additionally, a best practice for homicide investigations is to complete a follow-up report to document the status of an unsolved homicide investigation, required within 60 to 90 days after the murder. The report should include a summary of the crime, follow-up activities performed by the investigator, the status of any scientific examinations, including DNA or ballistic evidence, and a task list section ([see appendix 6](#)).

Section 11 Victim(s) Information

This section contains all personal information regarding the victim(s), including their rap/arrest sheet, Motor Vehicle Department information, photographs/mug shots, and other computer-generated reports.

If there are multiple victims, a subdivider listing the victim's name or designated letters should be used.

Section 12 Suspect(s) Information

This section contains all personal information regarding the suspect(s), including their rap/arrest sheet, Motor Vehicle Department information, photographs/mug shots, and other computer-generated reports such as their use of social media.

If there are multiple suspects, a subdivider listing the suspect's name or designated letters should be used.

If a suspect is later eliminated as a suspect, their information should be removed and placed in the appropriate section. For example, if they become a witness, their information should be moved to the witness section. If they are eliminated as a suspect and have no other status in the investigation, their information should be moved to the Eliminated Suspects section of the Murder Book.

Section 13 Photo Line-ups

This section contains photographic arrays (6-packs) or single photographs used for conducting sequential photo line-ups. The photographic admonition and any documents written and/or signed by witnesses should be kept in this section.

Section 14 Witness List/Statements

A list of all witnesses should be kept at the front of this section. The list should include the witness' assigned witness number (if given one), name, address, phone number, and the recording number if the interview was recorded. The witness' statement report and/or notes are stored in the section corresponding with their assigned witness number.

Section 15 Officer at Scene Reports/Notes

This section contains any reports, such as an initial patrol officer's report or supplemental reports and notes completed by officers who responded to the scene and performed essential duties (e.g., a neighborhood canvass) or discovered important evidence or information. These reports should detail the actions performed and the information or evidence discovered.

Section 16 Crime Scene Notes/Diagrams

Investigators should document, in narrative form, the description of the crime scene, whether it be exterior or interior. Additionally, a diagram should be completed that depicts the location of the body, items of evidence, parked vehicles along with their descriptions and license plate numbers, and any other items of interest. This section should also include diagrams completed by officers or detectives at the scene and by crime lab personnel who create handwritten diagrams or computer-aided crime scene diagrams.

Section 17 Crime Scene Photographs

All photographs taken during the crime scene investigation should be kept here. The photos may be of the victim, the surrounding area, evidence, involved vehicles, witnesses, potential witnesses, and suspects. At a minimum, proof sheets and CDs/thumb drives containing all photos should be stored in this section.

Section 18 Ambulance/Medical Records

This section includes reports such as a paramedic run sheet produced by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) who responded to the scene or reports from medical personnel at the hospital, including relevant medical records. The location to which the victim was transported or treated and the identity of medical personnel who recovered evidence (e.g., clothing from the victim and/or suspect) should be stored in this section.

Section 19 Medical Examiner's Report

All reports related to or produced by the Medical Examiner's Office should be stored in this section. Detectives should include diagrams and photographs of the decedent's body and the autopsy report.

Section 20 Communications

This section contains all teletypes, press releases, police bulletins, wanted flyers, newspaper clippings, and agency-generated social media posts regarding the investigation.

Section 21 Search Warrants

All Search Warrants, the Return to Search Warrant, and related documents should be stored in this section.

Section 22 Miscellaneous Notes

This section is reserved for general notes, such as canvassing notes, taken by detectives that do not belong in any other section.

Section 23 Miscellaneous Computer Runs

This section contains general computer runs such as Lexus/Nexus reports or Google queries that are not required to be stored in any other section.

Section 24 Video/CCTV

This section contains video recordings, captured in and around the area of the crime scene.

Section 25 Eliminated Suspect(s)

Information on suspects that have been eliminated during the investigation should be kept here.

Sections 26-28 Additional Documents

Three extra sections at the back of the Murder Book give detectives a place to organize and store any additional documents related to the case, such as the victim's phone records, crime scene tower dump records, social media posts, and the like.

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Appendix 1: Murder Book Cover Page and Table of Contents Template

VICTIM'S NAME (LAST, FIRST)		
DATE	PRECINCT/AREA	CASE NO.
ASSIGNED DETECTIVE(S)		

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C. Chain of Custody Records	20. Communications
7. Vehicle Report(s)	A. Teletypes
8. Arrest Report(s)	B. Press Releases
9. Related Crime Report(s)	C. Police Bulletins
10. Supplemental/Follow-up Report(s)	D. Newspaper Clippings
11. Victim(s) Information	21. Search Warrants
A. Statements	A. Cell Phone Records
B. Photographs	22. Miscellaneous Notes
C. Background Information	23. Miscellaneous Computer Runs
D. Probation/Parole Status	24. Video/CCTV
E. Rap Sheet	25. Eliminated Suspect(s)
12. Suspect(s) Information	26.
A. Statements	27.
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C. Photographs	
D. Probation/Parole Status	
E. Rap Sheet	

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Appendix 2: Chronological Record

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is used to document any past or future investigative events deemed necessary to control or develop this case.

Investigation

EXEMPLAR

Case No. 17-2345

1-1-17	0600	Notified by District 3 Watch Commander, Sgt.K. Smith, #2351, of murder at 1130 S. Vermont Avenue. Unidentified male White found stabbed to death on bus bench. Skaggs
	0605	Notified my partner, Det. R. Jones, #2352, of the murder. Skaggs
	0700	Jones and I arrived at scene. Briefed by Patrol Officer A. Randall, #2722, of incident. Sgt. B. Lee #2723, is incident commander. Skaggs
	0720	Located Witness Cindy Davis. Stated she saw victim, who she knows as T-Bone, a transient, in a dispute with another local transient, who she knows as Ace. They argued over money and Ace stabbed T-Bone in chest. Audio recorded tape No. 34523. See statement in Sect 14. Skaggs
	0800	Coroner Investigator T. Pickens. Arrived at scene. Rolled prints of victim, identified as Carl Lewis, DOB 1-2-66. Crime lab Tech. C. Barling, #2662, at scene. Completed photographs of scene and recovered swabs of blood drops. Skaggs
	0900	Coroner took possession of body. Cleared scene. Skaggs
	1105	Made death notification to Lewis' family. Mother Mary Lewis, 1871 N. Main Street, Cell 555-1212. Stated victim told her last week he was having problems with a guy named Ace, over drug money. Audio recorded tape # 34524. See statement Section 14. Skaggs
1-2-17	0630	Canvassed crime scene. Located witness Tom Jones transported him to station. He said he was at bus stop yesterday when two men argued over money. Heard victim say, "leave me alone Ace," then suspect stabbed him. Audio tape #34525. See statement in section #14. Skaggs
	0900	Received anonymous tip on homicide main phone number. Stated Ace stabbed victim. Knows Ace as Adam Rice who lives in alley behind Tommy's Liquor Store at 3 rd /Main. Conducted computer runs. Id Adam Rice, DOB 5-6-66. State ID No. 001212134. Skaggs
	0930	Responded to Tommy's Liquor, 301 S. Main St. Located Rice sleeping in alley. Made PC arrest. During pat down search, Det Jones located 6" folding knife in his pocket. Skaggs
	1000	Interviewed Rice at station. Waived Miranda. Stated he stabbed victim in self-defense. He "thought" victim may have had a knife but did not see one. Video tape #34588. See statement in section #12. Skaggs
	1200	Met with witness Davis to conduct photo show up. She positively ID Rice as suspect from 6pack #A. Met with witness Jones who viewed 6pack #A. Stated #3(Rice) "looked like suspect but can't be sure." See photo ID forms in section #14. Audio tape #33342 Skaggs
1-3-17	0830	Presented this case to DA L. Shields. Charged Rice with Murder, Case # TA98765. Skaggs

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Appendix 2a: Chronological Record Template

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Appendix 3: Crime Scene Log Template

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Appendix 4: Crime Report

CRIME REPORT

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COMBINED EVID REPORT
 MULTIPLE DR'S ON THIS REPORT

CASE SCREENING FACTORS		REPORT OF: MURDER				INVEST. DIV. Homicide		INC # 12345678		DR # 17-445615				
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT/VEHICLE NOT SEEN <input type="checkbox"/> PRINTS OR OTHER EVIDENCE NOT PRESENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MO NOT DISTINCT <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY LOST LESS THAN \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NO SERIOUS INJURY TO VICTIM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ONLY ONE VICTIM INVOLVED		VICTIM	LAST NAME, FIRST MIDDLE (OR NAME OF BUSINESS) Doe, Jane				SEX F	DESC White	HT 502	WT 125	AGE 27	DOB 8-30-1990		
ADDRESS R: 2741 3 rd Avenue				CITY Los Angeles		STATE Ca	ZIP 90003	PHONE R: 2135551234		X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
B:				C:										
EMAIL:				DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, OTHER ID & NO.) 6578273		FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN None		OCCUPATION Unemployed						
PREMISES (SPECIFIC TYPE) <input type="checkbox"/> ATM		Street		6578273		None		Unemployed						
ENTRY (459/8FV)		POINT OF ENTRY		POINT OF EXIT		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE Main Street and 9 th Avenue		SAME AS VICT'S		RES <input type="checkbox"/>	BUS <input type="checkbox"/>	RD 0432	PRINTS BY PREL. INV. ATTEMPT <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N OBTAINED <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	
<input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> Side <input type="checkbox"/> Roof <input type="checkbox"/> Floor <input type="checkbox"/> Other		METHOD		DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE 8-21-17 / 2235				DATE & TIME REPORTED TO PD 8-21-17 / 2240						
INSTRUMENT/TOOL USED		TYPE PROPERTY STOLEN / LOST / DAMAGED				STOLEN / LOST		RECOVERED	EST. DAMAGED ARSON / VAND.					
VICT'S VEHICLE (IF INVOLVED) YEAR, MAKE, TYPE, COLOR, LIC. NO., STATE		2010 Ford Explorer, 4-door green, Lic #111XXX				NOTIFICATIONS Headquarters		CONNECTED REPORTS Death/Evidence						
MO: IF LONG FORM, LIST UNIQUE ACTIONS. IF SHORT FORM, DESCRIBE SUSPECT'S ACTIONS IN BRIEF PHRASES, INCLUDING WEAPON USED. DO NOT REPEAT ABOVE INFO BUT CLARIFY REPORT AS NECESSARY. IF ANY OF THE MISSING ITEMS ARE POTENTIALLY IDENTIFIABLE, ITEMIZE AND DESCRIBE ALL ITEMS MISSING IN THIS INCIDENT IN THE NARRATIVE.														
The victim was driving her vehicle and stopped for a red light signal. The suspect drove up and stopped next to her. He said something to her, then extended his left arm out the driver's window and fired two gunshots from a chrome revolver striking the victim in the face. The suspect fled in his vehicle.														
<input type="checkbox"/> MANDATORY MARSY'S RIGHTS CARD PROVIDED TO VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/> MOTIVATED BY HATE/PREJUDICE <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC VIOLENCE														
REPORTING EMPLOYEES		INITIALS, LAST NAME		SERIAL NO.	DIV / DETAIL		PERSON REPORTING					SIGNATURE OR RECEIVED BY PHONE <input type="checkbox"/>		
		R. Davis		1672	Detectives									
		P. Thomas		1821	Homicide							NOTE: IF SHORT FORM, AND VICTIM / PR ARE NOT THE SAME, ENTER PR INFORMATION IN INVOLVED PERSONS SECTION		

COMPLETE BELOW SECTIONS IF ANY CASE SCREENING FACTORS BOXES ARE NOT CHECKED.

SUSP. VEHICLE	YEAR	MAKE & MODEL	TYPE	INTERIOR COLOR	EXTERIOR	BODY	WINDOWS					
Unk	Chevy	Camaro	2-door	Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 CUSTOM WHEELS <input type="checkbox"/> PAINTED INSCRIPT <input type="checkbox"/> LEVEL ALTERED <input type="checkbox"/> RUST / PRIMER <input type="checkbox"/> CUSTOM PAINT <input type="checkbox"/> VINYL TOP	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAMAGE <input type="checkbox"/> 2 MODIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> 3 STICKER <input type="checkbox"/> 4 LEFT <input type="checkbox"/> 5 RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> 6 FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> 7 REAR	<input type="checkbox"/> DAMAGE <input type="checkbox"/> CUST <input type="checkbox"/> CURTAINS <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT <input type="checkbox"/> 5 RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> 6 FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> 7 REAR					
COLOR(S)		LICENSE NO.	STATE	<input type="checkbox"/> BUCKET SEATS <input type="checkbox"/> DAMAGED INSIDE								
White		Unknown	Unknown									
S 1	SEX	DESC	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AGE	CLOTHING	NAME ADDRESS, DOB, IF KNOWN NAME, BOOKING NO., CHARGE, IF ARRESTED			
	M	White	Black	Unk	Med	Med	30/35	White T-shirt	Unknown			
PERSONAL ODDITIES (UNUSUAL FEATURES, SCARS, TATTOOS, ETC.)									WEAPON (VERBAL THREATS, BODILY FORCE, SIMULATED GUN, ETC. IF KNIFE OR GUN, DESCRIBE FULLY)			
									Chrome 9mm Semi-Auto Handgun			
S 2	SEX	DESC	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AGE	CLOTHING	NAME ADDRESS, DOB, IF KNOWN NAME, BOOKING NO., CHARGE, IF ARRESTED			
PERSONAL ODDITIES (UNUSUAL FEATURES, SCARS, TATTOOS, ETC.)									WEAPON (VERBAL THREATS, BODILY FORCE, SIMULATED GUN, ETC. IF KNIFE OR GUN, DESCRIBE FULLY)			
INVOLVED PERSON(S): W – WITNESS; R – PERSON REPORTING; S – PERSON SECURING (459); D – PERSON DISCOVERING (459); P – PARENT; CP – CONTACT PERSON (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)												
W 1	NAME		SEX	DESC	DOB	ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
	Smith, Linda		F	Black	01-30-92	905 W. Main St			Los Angeles	Ca	90003	H:2133829470
	DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, LIST OTHER ID & NO.) X16733111		FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN			1400 Beacon Dr.			Ontario	Ca	91774	B:9095557777
EMAIL:		C:										
NAME		SEX	DESC	DOB	ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	
											H:	
DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, LIST OTHER ID & NO.)		FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN									B:	
EMAIL:		C:										
NAME		SEX	DESC	DOB	ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	
											H:	
DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, LIST OTHER ID & NO.)		FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN									B:	
EMAIL:		C:										
COMBINED EVIDENCE REPORT		USE THIS SECTION IN LIEU OF PROPERTY REPORT IF NO GUN AND NO MORE THAN THREE ITEMS OF EVIDENCE			LOCATION EVIDENCE BOOKED Property Division		PRELIM. DRUG TEST	SUPV. / INV. OFFICER TESTING		SERIAL NO.	WITNESS OFFICER	SERIAL NO.
ITEM	QUAN	ARTICLE		SERIAL NO. / TYPE TEST OF DRUG			BRAND/DRUG WEIGHT, UNITS		MODEL NO. / DRUG TEST RESULT		MISC.	
1	2	Spent Casings					Remington		9mm		Brass	
NARRATIVE USE THE FOLLOWING HEADING TO DOCUMENT ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION, ADDITIONAL PERSONS INVOLVED (SEPARATED BY TYPE): SOURCE OF ACTIVITY; INVESTIGATION; ARREST; INJURY/MEDICAL TREATMENT; PHOTOS, RECORDINGS, VIDEOS, DICV, BWV, AND DIGITAL IMAGING; BOOKING; EVIDENCE; CANVASSING; ADDITIONAL; COLLISION SUMMARY, PROPERTY STOLEN/LOST/RECOVERED/DAMAGED; COURT INFORMATION. NOTE: ANY OF THESE HEADINGS MAY BE OMITTED IF NOT APPLICABLE.												
VICTIM INDEMNIFICATION INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)						IS ANY OF THE VICTIM'S PROPERTY MARKED WITH AN OWNER APPLIED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N IF YES, EXPLAIN IN NARRATIVE.						
APPROVAL AND REVIEW		SUPERVISOR APPROVING			SERIAL NO.	DIVISION		DETECTIVE SUPERVISOR REVIEWING			SERIAL NO.	
		DATE & TIME REPRODUCED			CLERK	DIVISION		CATEGORY:				

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CRIME SUMMARY:

On August 21, 2017, at 2235 hours, the victim, Jane Doe, a 27-year-old female White, was driving her vehicle described as a 2010 Ford Explorer, 4-door green, California License No. 111XXX. She was stopped eastbound lane-1 Main Street at 9th Avenue for a red light signal. The suspect, a lone male White, 30-35 years old, driving a late model Chevrolet Camaro, 2-door white, stopped next to her eastbound lane-2 Main Street at 9th Avenue. The suspect said something to the victim and she rolled down her front passenger window. The suspect extended his left hand out the window holding a chrome semi-automatic handgun, pointed it toward Doe and fired two gunshots. The suspect accelerated rapidly, spinning his tires and fled eastbound Main Street. After the gunshots, Doe's car rolled forward and collided with a streetlight pole on the northwest corner of Main Street and 9th Avenue.

Witness Linda Smith, phoned 911 and reported what she saw.

Los Angeles Fire Department Paramedics R. Jacobs, No. 2199, and K. Koury, No. 2254, assigned to Rescue No. 8, responded to the scene where they attempted life-saving treatment on Doe. Jacobs pronounced Doe dead at 2252 hours.

Officers A. Boyd, No. 2239 and S. Zych, No. 2311, assigned to Unit 2A42, received a radio call of a shooting that just occurred at Main Street and 9th Avenue. Upon arrival, they set up containment of the scene, began a Crime Scene log, talked with bystanders and located two spent 9mm casings in the intersection. See their statements for further description.

NOTIFICATION OF DETECTIVES:

On August 21, 2017, at 2255 hours, Watch Commander, Lieutenant C. Carson, No. 1997, telephonically notified Homicide Detectives R. Davis, No. 1672, and P. Thomas, No. 1821, of this homicide at their respective residences.

INVESTIGATION:

Davis arrived at the scene at 0030 hours and Thomas arrived at 0045 hours. They noted the entire crime scene was located outdoors. Main Street is four lane roadway travelling east and west. It is comprised of small businesses for several blocks in each direction. 9th Avenue is a two lane roadway that travels north and south. It is comprised of residential homes and apartments.

Detectives noted Doe's vehicle came to rest against a streetlight pole on the northwest corner. It displayed light damage to the front bumper and hood. The engine was running and the transmission was in gear when the first responding officers, Boyd and Zych arrived. For safety reasons Boyd placed the transmission in the park position and turned off the ignition.

Detectives observed two 9mm casings in the roadway. They directed Forensic personnel to recover the items.

Detectives were directed to witness Linda Smith who was at her residence located at 905 W. Main Street. She witnessed the shooting and called 911 to report the incident.

Smith stated she was sitting on her front porch swing that faces Main Street. She saw the victim driving a green Ford Explorer, stop for the red light eastbound Main Street in lane-1 at 9th Avenue. Approximately five seconds later, the suspect who she described as a male White, 30 to 35 years old, medium height and weight with shoulder length black hair, wearing a white t-shirt, stopped next to her in lane-2. He was driving a newer white Chevrolet Camaro two-door. The suspect yelled something at the victim and she rolled down her front passenger window. Smith then saw the suspect's left hand extend out of his driver's window. He pointed a chrome semi-automatic handgun at her and fired two gunshots. The suspect immediately sped away, spinning his tires and running the red light, eastbound Main Street out of Smith's view. Smith then phoned 911 to report what she saw.

Detectives canvassed the crime scene and were unable to locate additional witnesses that saw what occurred.

Upon clearing the scene at 0130 hours, detectives responded to Doe's residence at 2741 3rd Avenue. They contacted Doe's mother, Lucy Doe. Lucy stated that Jane did not have any known enemies and she did not know of any reason someone would assault her. She does not know anyone fitting the suspect's description or owning a white Camaro.

EVIDENCE:

Item No. 1, two Remington 9mm spent casings were recovered from the roadway. Refer to the Forensic Report for further details.

APPENDICES

Appendix 4a: Crime Report Template

CRIME REPORT

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COMBINED EVID REPORT
 MULTIPLE DR'S ON THIS REPORT

CASE SCREENING FACTORS			REPORT OF:			INVEST. DIV.		INC #		DR#		
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT/VEHICLE NOT SEEN <input type="checkbox"/> PRINTS OR OTHER EVIDENCE NOT PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/> MO NOT DISTINCT <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY LOST LESS THAN \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NO SERIOUS INJURY TO VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/> ONLY ONE VICTIM INVOLVED			LAST NAME, FIRST MIDDLE (OR NAME OF BUSINESS)			SEX	DESC	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	
PREMISES (SPECIFIC TYPE) <input type="checkbox"/> ATM			ADDRESS			CITY		STATE	ZIP	PHONE	X	
			R:							R:		
			B:							B:		
			EMAIL:							C:		
			DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, OTHER ID & NO.)			FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN		OCCUPATION				
ENTRY (459/BFV)		POINT OF ENTRY	POINT OF EXIT	LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE			SAME AS VICT'S	RES <input type="checkbox"/>	BUS <input type="checkbox"/>	RD	PRINTS BY PREL. INV.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> Side <input type="checkbox"/> Roof <input type="checkbox"/> Floor <input type="checkbox"/> Other		METHOD		DATE & TIME OF OCCURRENCE			DATE & TIME REPORTED TO PD					
		INSTRUMENT/TOOL USED		TYPE PROPERTY STOLEN / LOST / DAMAGED			STOLEN / LOST	RECOVERED	EST. DAMAGED ARSON / VAND.			
							\$	\$	\$			
VICT'S VEHICLE (IF INVOLVED) YEAR, MAKE, TYPE, COLOR, LIC. NO., STATE				NOTIFICATIONS			CONNECTED REPORTS					
<p>MO: IF LONG FORM, LIST UNIQUE ACTIONS. IF SHORT FORM, DESCRIBE SUSPECT'S ACTIONS IN BRIEF PHRASES, INCLUDING WEAPON USED. DO NOT REPEAT ABOVE INFO BUT CLARIFY REPORT AS NECESSARY. IF ANY OF THE MISSING ITEMS ARE POTENTIALLY IDENTIFIABLE, ITEMIZE AND DESCRIBE ALL ITEMS MISSING IN THIS INCIDENT IN THE NARRATIVE.</p>												
<input type="checkbox"/> MANDATORY MARSY'S RIGHTS CARD PROVIDED TO VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/> MOTIVATED BY HATE/PREJUDICE <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC VIOLENCE												
REPORTING EMPLOYEES		INITIALS, LAST NAME			SERIAL NO.	DIV / DETAIL		PERSON REPORTING		SIGNATURE OR RECEIVED BY PHONE <input type="checkbox"/>		
										NOTE: IF SHORT FORM, AND VICTIM / PR ARE NOT THE SAME, ENTER PR INFORMATION IN INVOLVED PERSONS SECTION		

COMPLETE BELOW SECTIONS IF ANY CASE SCREENING FACTORS BOXES ARE NOT CHECKED.

SUSP. VEHICLE	YEAR	MAKE & MODEL		TYPE		INTERIOR COLOR		EXTERIOR		BODY		WINDOWS	
	COLOR(S)	LICENSE NO.		STATE		<input type="checkbox"/> BUCKET SEATS <input type="checkbox"/> DAMAGED INSIDE		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 CUSTOM WHEELS <input type="checkbox"/> 2 PAINTED INSCRIPT <input type="checkbox"/> 3 LEVEL ALTERED <input type="checkbox"/> 4 RUST / PRIMER <input type="checkbox"/> 5 CUSTOM PAINT <input type="checkbox"/> 6 VINYL TOP		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAMAGE <input type="checkbox"/> 5 RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> 2 MODIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> 6 FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> 3 STICKER <input type="checkbox"/> 7 REAR <input type="checkbox"/> 4 LEFT		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 DAMAGE <input type="checkbox"/> 5 RIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> 2 CUST <input type="checkbox"/> 6 FRONT <input type="checkbox"/> 3 CURTAINS <input type="checkbox"/> 7 REAR <input type="checkbox"/> 4 LEFT	
S1	SEX	DESC	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AGE	CLOTHING		NAME ADDRESS, DOB, IF KNOWN NAME, BOOKING NO., CHARGE, IF ARRESTED			
	PERSONAL ODDITIES (UNUSUAL FEATURES, SCARS, TATTOOS, ETC.)								WEAPON (VERBAL THREATS, BODILY FORCE, SIMULATED GUN, ETC. IF KNIFE OR GUN, DESCRIBE FULLY)				
S1	SEX	DESC	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AGE	CLOTHING		NAME ADDRESS, DOB, IF KNOWN NAME, BOOKING NO., CHARGE, IF ARRESTED			
	PERSONAL ODDITIES (UNUSUAL FEATURES, SCARS, TATTOOS, ETC.)								WEAPON (VERBAL THREATS, BODILY FORCE, SIMULATED GUN, ETC. IF KNIFE OR GUN, DESCRIBE FULLY)				
INVOLVED PERSON(S): W – WITNESS; R – PERSON REPORTING; S – PERSON SECURING (459); D – PERSON DISCOVERING (459); P – PARENT; CP – CONTACT PERSON (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)													
W1	NAME			SEX	DESC	DOB	ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	
	DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, LIST OTHER ID & NO.)			FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN		EMAIL:		H: B: C:					
W1	NAME			SEX	DESC	DOB	ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	
	DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, LIST OTHER ID & NO.)			FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN		EMAIL:		H: B: C:					
W1	NAME			SEX	DESC	DOB	ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	
	DR. LIC. NO. (IF NONE, LIST OTHER ID & NO.)			FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN		EMAIL:		H: B: C:					

EXTRA COPIES TO:

COMBINED EVIDENCE REPORT		USE THIS SECTION IN LIEU OF PROPERTY REPORT IF NO GUN AND NO MORE THAN THREE ITEMS OF EVIDENCE	LOCATION EVIDENCE BOOKED	PRELIM. DRUG TEST	SUPV. / INV. OFFICER TESTING	SERIAL NO.	WITNESS OFFICER	SERIAL NO.
ITEM	QUAN	ARTICLE	SERIAL NO. / TYPE TEST OF DRUG	BRAND/DRUG WEIGHT, UNITS	MODEL NO. / DRUG TEST RESULT	MISC.		
NARRATIVE		USE THE FOLLOWING HEADING TO DOCUMENT ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION, ADDITIONAL PERSONS INVOLVED (SEPARATED BY TYPE): SOURCE OF ACTIVITY; INVESTIGATION; ARREST; INJURY/MEDICAL TREATMENT; PHOTOS, RECORDINGS, VIDEOS, DICV, BWV, AND DIGITAL IMAGING; BOOKING; EVIDENCE; CANVASSING; ADDITIONAL; COLLISION SUMMARY, PROPERTY STOLEN/LOST/RECOVERED/DAMAGED; COURT INFORMATION. NOTE: ANY OF THESE HEADINGS MAY BE OMITTED IF NOT APPLICABLE.						
VICTIM INDEMNIFICATION INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)				IF ANY OF THE VICTIM'S PROPERTY MARKED WITH AN OWNER APPLIED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N IF YES, EXPLAIN IN NARRATIVE.				
APPROVAL AND REVIEW		SUPERVISOR APPROVING	SERIAL NO.	DIVISION	DETECTIVE SUPERVISOR REVIEWING	SERIAL NO.		
		DATE & TIME REPRODUCED	CLERK	DIVISION		CATEGORY:		

CRIME SUMMARY:

NOTIFICATION OF DETECTIVES:

INVESTIGATION:

EVIDENCE:

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Appendix 5: Death Report

DEATH INVESTIGATION						DR NO. 17-44-5615				
NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) Doe, Jane						CONNECTING REPORTS None				
DESCRIPTION OF DECEASED	SEX F	DESCENT White	HAIR Brown	EYES Blue	HEIGHT 502	LOCATION DECEASED DISCOVERED Main St / 9 th Ave	RD 0432	DATE & TIME REPORTED TO PD 8-21-17 / 2240	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL <input type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED	
WEIGHT 125	AGE 27	DOB 8-30-90	BUILD Thin	COMPLEXION Light	DATE & TIME DECEASED DISCOVERED 8-21-17 / 2235		OCCUPATION OF DECEASED Unemployed			
IDENTIFYING MARKS AND CHARACTERISTICS Tattoo "Dad" on left bicep					LOCATION OF ORIGINAL ILLNESS OR INJURY Main St / 9 th Ave		RD 0432	TYPE ORIGINAL REPORT This Report		
CLOTHING AND JEWELRY WORN Black shirt, blue jeans, white tennis shoes					REMOVED TO (ADDRESS) Coroner 1100 S. Mission Bl.			RELATIVES NOTIFIED BY Detective R. Davis		
					INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION/UNITS NOTIFIED & PERSONS CONTACTED None			INCIDENT NUMBER 12345678		
					PROBABLE CAUSE OF DEATH Gunshot Wounds	DATE/TIME DEATH OCCURRED 8-21-17 / 2235	REMOVED BY (NAME/UNIT) T. Jones			
DECEASED'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS 2741 3 rd Ave, Los Angeles, Ca 90003					DECEASED'S BUSINESS ADDRESS None			PHOTOGRAPHS Yes		
CODE: R - PERSON REPORTING DEATH D - PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED I - PERSON IDENTIFYING DECEASED W - WITNESS										
NEAREST RELATIVE		RELATIONSHIP		ADDRESS		CITY/STATE/ZIP		PHONE		
W	NAME Smith, Linda		Notified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	None		R 905 W. Main St. LA Ca 90003		2133829470		
						B 1400 Beacon Dr. Ontario Ca 91774		9095557777		
I	NAME Doe, Lucy		DOB 3-1-70	R 2741 3 rd Ave LA Ca 90003		3235554122		x		
				B Unemployed						
	NAME		DOB	R						
				B						
PERSON CAUSING DEATH Unknown		SEX M	DESCENT White	AGE 30/35	WEAPON (IF KNIFE OR GUN, DESCRIBE FULLY) 9mm Chrome Semi-Auto Handgun					
DOCTOR IN ATTENDANCE None		BUSINESS ADDRESS NA			CITY/STATE/ZIP NA		PHONE NA			
SOURCE OF CALL (HOW NOTIFIED AND BY WHOM) 911 Call from Linda Smith					WAS LOCATION SEALED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, BY WHOM?					
CORONER'S CASE NUMBER 2017-01123		ASSIGNED BY T. Jones		WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH? LAFD Paramedic R. Jacobs, No. 2199			TIME PRONOUNCED 2252			
DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO CORONER RECEIPT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO CORONER'S INVENTORY RECEIPT NUMBER 001881818					<input type="checkbox"/> NO PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO RELATIVE					
					NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER					
NARRATIVE										
<p>On August 21, 2017, at 2235 hours, the victim, Jane Doe, a 27-year-old female White, was driving her vehicle described as a 2010 Ford Explorer, 4-door green, California License No. 111XXX. She was stopped eastbound lane-1 Main Street at 9th Avenue for a red light signal. The suspect, a lone male White, 30-35 years old, driving a late model Chevrolet Camaro, 2-door white, stopped next to her eastbound lane-2 Main Street at 9th Avenue. The suspect said something to the victim and she rolled down her front passenger window. The suspect extended his left hand out the window holding a chrome semi-automatic handgun, pointed it toward Doe and fired two gunshots. The suspect accelerated rapidly, spinning his tires and fled eastbound Main Street. After the gunshots, Doe' car rolled forward and collided with a streetlight pole on the northwest corner of Main Street and 9th Avenue.</p> <p>Witness Linda Smith, phoned 911 and reported what she saw.</p> <p>Los Angeles Fire Department Paramedics R. Jacobs, No. 2199 and K. Koury, No. 2254, assigned to Rescue No. 8, responded to the scene where they attempted life saving treatment on Doe. Jacobs pronounced Doe dead at 2252 hours.</p>										
SUPERVISOR APPROVING				SERIAL NO.		REPORTING OFFICER(S) R. DAVIS		SERIAL NO. 1672	DIVISION HOMICIDE	
DATE & TIME REPRODUCED				DIVISION		CLERK		REPORTING OFFICER(S) P. THOMAS	SERIAL NO. 1821	DIVISION HOMICIDE
DEATH INVESTIGATION										

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Appendix 5a: Death Report Template

DEATH INVESTIGATION

NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)						CONNECTING REPORTS			DR NO.			
DESCRIPTION OF DECEASED		SEX	DESCENT	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	LOCATION DECEASED DISCOVERED	RD	DATE & TIME REPORTED TO PD		<input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL <input type="checkbox"/> UNDETERMINED	
WEIGHT	AGE	DOB	BUILD	COMPLEXION	DATE & TIME DECEASED DISCOVERED	OCCUPATION OF DECEASED						
IDENTIFYING MARKS AND CHARACTERISTICS						LOCATION OF ORIGINAL ILLNESS OR INJURY			RD	TYPE ORIGINAL REPORT		
CLOTHING AND JEWELRY WORN						REMOVED TO (ADDRESS)				RELATIVES NOTIFIED BY		
						INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION/UNITS NOTIFIED & PERSONS CONTACTED				INCIDENT NUMBER		
						PROBABLE CAUSE OF DEATH		DATE/TIME DEATH OCCURRED		REMOVED BY (NAME/UNIT)		
DECEASED'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS						DECEASED'S BUSINESS ADDRESS				PHOTOGRAPHS		
CODE: R – PERSON REPORTING DEATH			D – PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED			I – PERSON IDENTIFYING DECEASED			W – WITNESS			
NEAREST RELATIVE		RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS			CITY/STATE/ZIP			PHONE	X		
NAME		Notified <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> No	R									
												B
NAME		DOB	R									
												B
NAME		DOB	R									
												B
PERSON CAUSING DEATH			SEX	DESCENT	AGE	WEAPON (IF KNIFE OR GUN, DESCRIBE FULLY)						
DOCTOR IN ATTENDANCE			BUSINESS ADDRESS			CITY/STATE/ZIP			PHONE			
SOURCE OF CALL (HOW NOTIFIED AND BY WHOM)						WAS LOCATION SEALED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, BY WHOM?						
CORONER'S CASE NUMBER		ASSIGNED BY			WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH?			TIME PRONOUNCED				
DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY		RECEIPT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			CORONER'S INVENTORY RECEIPT NUMBER							
<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO CORONER <input type="checkbox"/> NO PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO RELATIVE		NAME			ADDRESS			PHONE NUMBER				

NARRATIVE:

SUPERVISOR APPROVING	SERIAL NO.	REPORTING OFFICER(S)	SERIAL NO.	DIVISION
DATE & TIME PRONOUNCED	DIVISION CLERK	REPORTING OFFICER(S)	SERIAL NO.	DIVISION

APPENDICES

Appendix 6: Follow-up Report(s)

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION**

CORONER CASE NUMBER
2014-xxxx

MULTIPLE

DATE THIS REPORT 1/15/2015	DATE ORIGINAL RPT. 12/19/2013	SPECIFIC TYPE OF ORIGINAL RPT. (ADW, TFV, EVID., ARREST/BURG., ETC.) MURDER	RD 1414	DR NO. 14-1430
VICTIM BOOKED TO / ARRESTEE (AS ON ORIGINAL REPORT) VICTIM-1		IF RECLASSIFYING TO HOMICIDE SEX / DESCENT / AGE VICT'S	BKG NO. (SUPPL. TO ARREST)	WORK FOLDER PERIOD ORIG. RPT INDEX NO.
CASE STATUS 1 CLEARED BY ARREST 2 CLEARED OTHER 3 REPORT UNFOUNDED 4 INVESTIGATION CONTINUED				

Use this section only to add or correct info - do not repeat info from previous reports. Exception: Complete entire suspect info if making final disposition.

DATE OCCURRED	CHANGE TO - ON OR BETWEEN MO DAY YEAR TIME	&	MO DAY YEAR TIME	TYPE ORIGINAL REPORT - CHANGE TO	RD- CHG. TO	DR NO. CHG. TO	INV DIV CHG TO				
PROPERTY VALUE:	ADDITIONAL LOSS	PARTIAL RECOVERY	TOTAL RECOVERY	DELETED FROM ORIG. RPT.	DESCRIPTION CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/>	ITEM NOS. RECOVERED/DELETED (ON MULTI. RPTS. USE NARRATIVE)					
S- 1	SEX M	DESC H	HAIR BLK	EYES BRO	HEIGHT 505	WEIGHT 140	DOB 2/2/1996	AGE 18	NAME & ADDRESS (OR NAME & CHARGE, IF ARRESTED) SUSPECT 187(a)P.C. Murder	ACTION TAKEN Filed (1) ct 187(a)P.C. Murder, Case No. SA089493	<input type="checkbox"/> MNU# <input type="checkbox"/> CII# <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BKG# 4195806
S- 2	SEX	DESC	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	AGE	NAME & ADDRESS (OR NAME & CHARGE, IF ARRESTED)	ACTION TAKEN	<input type="checkbox"/> MNU# <input type="checkbox"/> CII# <input type="checkbox"/> BKG#
S- 3	SEX	DESC	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	AGE	NAME & ADDRESS (OR NAME & CHARGE, IF ARRESTED)	ACTION TAKEN	<input type="checkbox"/> MNU# <input type="checkbox"/> CII# <input type="checkbox"/> BKG#

NARRATIVE (USE BELOW COLUMNS FOR MULTIPLE REPORTS ONLY)

P/T/D	MULTIPLE RPT: DR NOS.	TYPE OF CRIME	RD	VICTIM'S NAME	DATE ORIG. RPT.	VALUE
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THIS REPORT IS AN EXEMPLAR

The names of the parties and identifying information was changed in this report for the purpose of using it as an exemplar.

CRIME SUMMARY

On December 19, 2014, at 1125 hours, the VICTIM, a 16 year old male Hispanic was inside his 2nd floor apartment located at 12XX 1/2 Washington Place. He heard a noise outside and then saw someone tampering with his mother's vehicle, a white 2004 Honda CRV, bearing California license No. 5HFWXXX. VICTIM went to his brother, Mark, who was in the bathroom taking a shower, and said, "Gonnors outside, Gonnors outside. VICTIM went to his front yard where he confronted the suspect. The suspect fired two or three gunshots, striking VICTIM in the head. The suspect then fled eastbound Washington Place on foot. VICTIM was transported to UCLA Hospital where he died the next day from his gunshot injuries. No firearm evidence was found at the crime scene.

INVESTIGATION

This investigation was assigned to West Bureau Homicide Detectives J. Skaggs, Serial No. 25252, and G. XXXXX. Serial No. 369XX.

Detectives processed the crime scene. They obtained home security video from 12XX Mitchell Avenue, that covers the alley behind the shooting location. At the time of the shooting, the footage depicts the suspect, a male, possibly Hispanic, climb over a fence northbound into the alley two doors east of the VICTIM'S apartment. The suspect was wearing a black hoodie jacket with a large white logo on the front. The suspect dropped something on the ground and picked it up. He then removed his hoodie jacket. The suspect continued eastbound in the alley. He discarded an unknow item on a trashcan behind the next residence to the ease, and continued eastbound out of the camera's view.

WAS PROPERTY BOOKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS REPORT OR INCIDENT?	NO	YES	IF YES, HAS 10.06.00 BEEN COMPLETED?	NO	YES
SUPERVISOR APPROVING	SERIAL NO.	REPORTING OFFICER(S)	SERIAL NO.	DIVISION	
DATE & TIME REPRODUCED	DIVISION	CLERK	REPORTING OFFICER(S)	SERIAL NO.	DIVISION

Detectives located security video from a Jack in the Box Restaurant, located at 12XX Washington Place. The video depicts a white mid 2000's Cadillac Escalade go through the drive-thru 63 minutes before the shooting occurred. It appeared the driver was a female and there was an unknown front passenger. Then Escalade exited the drive-thru and parked in a stall in their parking lot. The suspect was seen at the mouth of the alley and the Jack in the Box parking lot. Moments later, the Escalade pulled out of the parking stall and drove away. The suspect could not be seen getting into the escalade but due to the unusual time it was in the parking lot, it could possibly be a getaway vehicle.

Detectives inspected the VICTIM'S vehicle that was tampered with. A shoe print was located on the right rear passenger door that appeared to be fresh. The print looked like a Van's brand tennis shoe. Photographs were taken of the shoe print along with a lift.

The following day, detectives reconvened the crime scene and located what they believe was the path taken by the suspect as he fled from the shooting scene. Three doors east of the VICTIM'S apartment, at 12XXX Washington Place, detectives were directed to property damage by its owner, Naren XXX. He showed detectives broken limbs on a bush, two shoe impressions in damp soil and a broken fence post that was consistent with someone climbing over it. He had inspected his property hours before the shooting occurred and this damage was not there. His broken fence leads into the yard where the suspect was seen on video climbing over the fence into the alley. Detectives had Scientific Investigation Division personnel photograph this evidence and take castings of the shoe impressions in the soil. The shoe impressions appeared to be Van's brand and appeared to be the same as the shoe print on the VICTIM'S car door.

Detectives met with the VICTIM'S family at UCLA Hospital. The victim's brother, Mark, stated that he, VICTIM, his mother Lidia, and his sister, Daisy, were inside their 2nd floor apartment. Mark was in the shower when he heard the VICTIM tell him, "Gonners outside, Gonners outside." Mark quickly got out of the shower and went to his bedroom for clothing. He heard a gunshot outside and looked out the window. He saw a person he knows as Greg, who uses the moniker, Gonner, walking away from VICTIM eastbound on the sidewalk. Mark went outside and discovered the VICTIM lying on the ground with a gunshot wound to his head. Mark described Greg as a male Hispanic 18 years old, light complexion, slim build, a few inches shorter than the VICTIM, wearing a black hat and black sweater or T-shirt. Mark admitted that he and the VICTIM are members of the Straight Crazy Klan (SCK) street gang and Greg is a member of their rival gang, Criminals For Life (CFL) street gang. He said they have had many problems with CFL members and he has seen the SUSPECT during several encounters.

Detectives interviewed the VICTIM'S mother, Lidia, who stated she was in the living room when the VICTIM told her someone was outside screaming and threw something at the family's vehicle. Lidia said she then heard a loud noise as if someone had closed a car door. The VICTIM put on a T-shirt and told her he was going downstairs. Lidia followed him downstairs. When the VICTIM made it downstairs she heard a gunshot. She saw the suspect turn around and run eastbound. Lidia described the suspect as a male Hispanic, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, medium build, wearing a black T-shirt and black pants.

Detectives interviewed the VICTIM'S sister, Daisy, who said she was in the bedroom with her earphones on. Mark was in the shower and the VICTIM was in the living room with their mother, Lidia. Daisy saw the VICTIM look out the window and then Lidia run out of the apartment. Daisy looked outside her bedroom window and saw the suspect she described as a male Hispanic, 17 to 18 years old, 5'8" to 5'9" tall, slim build, wearing a black hoodie, jeans and a black baseball cap with a red logo on the front. As the VICTIM approached the suspect, the suspect turned around, raised his arm toward the VICTIM and she heard two gunshots. Daisy said that Mark later told her the suspect was Greg, who they call, "Gonner."

Using police databases, Detectives Identified Gonner from CFL gang as SUSPECT, an 18 year old male Hispanic. Detectives assembled a six-photo display card and returned to the hospital. The display was shown to Daisy, who was unable to identify the suspect. The display was then shown to Lidia who was unable to identify the suspect. Detectives then showed the display to Mark who immediately identified the photo of the defendant, SUSPECT, as the suspect. However, he stated that the photo was not a good depiction of Garcia, as his true appearance is different. He was able to identify Garcia because of this incident and the prior contacts with him.

On December 23, 2014, Detectives met with the VICTIM'S family at their home to discuss the investigation. Mark told detectives that he had found SUSPECT on Facebook and showed the page to Daisy. He said Daisy recognized the Facebook photograph of Garcia as the person who shot the VICTIM. Detectives interviewed Daisy who said she saw the suspect on Facebook. Daisy then used her smart phone to pull up Garcia's Facebook page under the name Greg XXX. She showed detectives the photo and said it was the person she saw shoot VICTIM. Detectives know this page to be for Gregory XXX.

Detectives Learned that two of SUSPECT'S fellow CFL gang members, Julio XX, and Gustavo XX, were shot on December 17, 2014, at 89XX Kramerwood Avenue. Julio died from his injuries and Gustavo barely survived. Detectives handling that investigation discovered that after the shooting, Gustavo's cell phone revealed that he called 911, and moments later, his phone called the name, "Gonner."

On December 30, 2014, at 1415 hours, Officers assigned to West Bureau Surveillance Unit, under the direction of Officer Eldon XX, Serial No. 395XX, observed the SUSPECT driving a black 2008 Mercedes Benz, E350, License No. 6EQGXXX, in the area of his residence, 28XX Reynier Avenue. He arrived home and was taken into custody. A search warrant was served at the SUSPECT'S residence. Detectives recovered two loaded firearms hidden under a wooden board in the rear yard. The guns were a .22 caliber rifle and a .25 caliber handgun. The SUSPECT was arrested for 187(a) P.C., Murder, and transported to West Bureau Homicide. Also, two pair of Van's tennis shoes were recovered from the SUSPECT'S bedroom. One pair had soil in the crevasses that detectives noted to have the same consistencies as the soil from where the Van's shoe impressions were recovered at the crime scene.

Detectives interviewed the SUSPECT. Prior to asking for an attorney, the SUSPECT said that he lived with his mother Rosa, his brother, Michael, and Michael's girlfriend, Maribel XX. He said he hasn't been "ok" lately because his best friend, Julio was killed. He denied being a member of CFL gang, nor were his friends members of the gang. He stated that Julio died in his arms. Detectives noted he became visibly upset and angry when he talked about it. He added that Julio was his best friend. During this interview, Skaggs only advised the SUSPECT that he was at the station because of a shooting that occurred on Washington Place, two days after Julio was killed.

Detectives had SUSPECT'S mother, Rosa, come to the police station. Detectives put her in an interview room with SUSPECT. Rosa told SUSPECT that he was being charged with Murder. SUSPECT told Rosa that he had not been okay for a long time. He told Rosa, the police told him his DNA was found on a hat and sweater. SUSPECT stated, "Personally that's not my sweater, the Cincinnati hat was once upon a time mine, once upon a time." "I haven't seen that shit for a long fucking time. I don't even know where I fucking left it, what I have done with it I have no idea." SUSPECT continued to say, "To be honest with you, I didn't do anything, I didn't kill that fucking kid." SUSPECT asked Rosa what he needed to get charged for Murder. SUSPECT stated, "Don't they need a gun?" Rosa started to say, "Yeah, they found...." SUSPECT cut her off saying, "But they don't have a gun." Rosa told SUSPECT that the police found guns behind the garage and he asked what kind of guns.

Detectives asked SUSPECT'S girlfriend, Melissa XX, to come to the police station. She was placed in a interview room with him. SUSPECT told Melissa that he was told he "killed a fucking fool that died in Culver City on Centinella.

Note: Detectives never mentioned to Garcia that the victim was killed or that it occurred on Centinella or in Culver City.

At one point SUSPECT took Melissa's cell phone from her and appeared to be typing something. Melissa was removed from the room and the phone was seized as possible evidence. Melissa gave detectives consent to look at her phone. She showed detectives what SUSPECT typed. "Get ahold of my homies and say Gustavo snitched about Zombie.." Additionally, Detectives found a text thread on Melissa's phone under the name Gregory. On the day of the VICTIM'S murder at 0148 hours, SUSPECT texted, "Yeah Baby. I love you so much, your my everything. I have to do something right now for my best friend that I love. I'd do the same for you, I just hope I find some way tobyi .. Ill hyu when Im safe. Some way to let u know im fine in the morning. I love you so much baby."

Detectives also interviewed Melissa. She said she knew that Julio was killed. She denied knowing any CFL gang members and did not know if the SUSPECT was a CFL gang member. She denied any knowledge of a shooting at Washington Place and Centinella Avenue.

Melissa was finally advised that the SUSPECT was being arrested for murder. She was told the importance of a murder investigation, and if she were to lose a loved one, she would appreciate the police being thorough. Her response was, "yeah, I can't believe you're doing all this for a street boy." Detectives had never advised her any details of the murder, including the age or gender of the victim.

Detectives interviewed the SUSPECT'S brother, Michael. He stated that he has grown distant from his brother. He knows the SUSPECT hangs out with CFL gang members but does not know if he is a member. He knew that the SUSPECT'S friends, Julio and Gustavo were recently shot. He recalled that SUSPECT did not come home for four days after that shooting. He does not know where the SUSPECT was during that time, but that he could have possibly been with his girlfriend, Melissa, at her house. Michael stated that the SUSPECT owns a Chicago Bulls hat, and said it was black with a red log and red button on top. This matches the hat that detectives recovered from the crime scene. Michael was shown a photo of the hat and said the hat belonged to the SUSPECT. Michael was also asked if he knew about a white Cadillac Escalade. He said a couple of days ago there was one parked in his driveway when he arrived home. He went into his house and the SUSPECT was in his bedroom with some of his friends. He did not know who owned the Escalade.

AUTOPSY INFORMATION:

On December 31, 2014, Los Angeles County Deputy Medical Examiner, Doctor XXX, performed a post mortem examination on the VICTIM. He ascribed the cause of death to be a Gunshot Wound.

FILING INFORMATION:

On January 2, 2015, this case was submitted to Deputy District Attorney E. XXX who filed (1) count of 187(a)P.C., Murder, on SUSPECT.

CASE STATUS

Cleared By Arrest

APPENDICES

Appendix 6a: Follow-up Report(s) Template

FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION

CORONER CASE NUMBER

MULTIPLE

DATE THIS REPORT	DATE ORIGINAL RPT.	SPECIFIC TYPE OF ORIGINAL RPT. (ADW, TFV, EVID., ARREST/BURG., ETC.)	RD	DR NO.
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CASE STATUS

1 CLEARED BY ARREST 2 CLEARED OTHER 3 REPORT UNFOUNDED 4 INVESTIGATION CONTINUED

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CRIME SUMMARY:

INVESTIGATION:

AUTOPSY INFORMATION:

FILING INFORMATION:

CASE STATUS:

WAS PROPERTY BOOKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS REPORT OR INCIDENT?		NO	YES	IF YES, HAS	BEEN COMPLETED?	NO	YES
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DATE & TIME REPRODUCED	DIVISION	CLERK		REPORTING OFFICER(S)	SERIAL NO.		DIVISION



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