**Forensics Paper #3: Compromised Crime Scenes**

In any investigation, properly securing and processing the crime scene is of the utmost importance. Without taking these appropriate measures to preserve evidence, investigators and prosecutors can be left without a solid case to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Write a paper analyzing a famous case of a compromised crime scene. Choose one of the cases below, or research your own. Be sure to discuss all of the required case aspects in your paper and appropriately cite your sources.

*Manson murders,*

*OJ Simpson,*

*Enrique Camarena,*

*JonBenet Ramsay,*

*Jeffrey MacDonald,*

*or research your own!*

TITLE: The Effects of a Compromised Crime Scene

AUTHOR: Your name

INTRODUCTION: Write one or two paragraphs explaining both the importance of properly securing and processing a crime scene, as well as describing some of the techniques to do this appropriately.

OVERVIEW OF CRIME: Write one or two paragraphs describing the specific crime that occurred, including all the important details and any charges that were filed.

OVERVIEW OF THE CASE: Write one or two paragraphs explaining both the investigation of the case and the court events subsequent to the investigation (prosecution AND defense).

COMPROMISED SCENE: Write one or two paragraphs describing how the crime scene and/or evidence was compromised and explaining what effect this had on the case.

CONCLUSION: Summarize all the important points of the paper, and discuss how you think this case could have gone differently, had it not been compromised.

WORKS CITED: List references for all sources you used. Use MLA format for both in-text citations (parenthetical) and works cited.

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**Paper Grading Rubric: Compromised Crime Scenes**

FORMAT (5 points)

* Typed, double-spaced, standard font and margins \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1
* Title and author \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1
* Length of 2-3 pages \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1
* Proper in-text citations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1
* Correct format of Works Cited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1

INTRODUCTION (10 points)

* 1-2 paragraphs in length \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/1
* Importance of properly ***securing*** crime scene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Importance of properly ***processing*** crime scene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Techniques to secure and process crime scene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3

OVERVIEW OF THE CRIME (25 points)

* 1-2 paragraphs in length \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2
* Names of suspect(s) & victim(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Important details from the case \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10
* Description of charges filed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10

OVERVIEW OF THE CASE (25 points)

* 1-2 paragraphs in length \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2
* Identification of agencies involved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Investigation of the case \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10
* Description of all court events \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10

COMPROMISED SCENE (25 points)

* 1-2 paragraphs in length \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2
* Identification of WHO compromised the crime scene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* How was crime scene compromised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10
* Effect on case from compromised crime scene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10

CONCLUSION (10 points)

* 1-2 paragraphs in length \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2
* Summary of all important parts of paper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Difference if uncompromised crime scene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5

**TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100**