

Sample Forensic Examination Worksheet

Gunshot Residue and Distance Determination

Lab File No.: _____

Examiner: _____

Administrative

Lab File No.		Packaging	
Examiner		Condition	
Item No.		Type of Seal	
Received From		Condition	
Date		Markings	
Received By		Released To	
Date		Date	

(Insert or attach digital images / photographs of both the exterior packaging, as received, and of the unopened evidence container.)

Trace Evidence

Trace Exams Requested	
Trace Examiner(s)	
Trace Evidence Observed	

(Insert or attach a digital image / photograph of trace material in place.)

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Marking of Evidence

Marked	
Location	
Previous Marks	
Location	
Other Marks	
Location	

Visual and Microscopic Examination

Item # / hole designation, if applicable (e.g., Item #23 / Hole "A" ; Item #23 / Hole "B")	
Presence of visible "smoke"	
Presence of visible "bullet wipe"	
Ripping, tearing, stellate pattern	
Melted tips of artificial fibers	
Burning or singeing effects	
Type of unburned powder present	
Particulate (lead or copper jacket material)	
Location of powder for possible instrumental analysis	

(Insert digital image/photograph/sketch here of evidence item shown with labeled bullet holes and appropriate dimensions to locate them.)

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Chemical Examinations

Item # / hole designation, if applicable (e.g., Item #23 / Hole "A" ; Item #23 / Hole "B")	
Results of Modified Griess Test (In terms of a distance bracket for a pattern of residues or a maximum distance for scattered residues) Attach test patterns in envelope.	
Results of Dithiooxamide Test (In terms of residue consistent with the passage of a bullet) Attach positive results in envelope.	
Results of Sodium Rhodizonate Test (In terms of residue consistent with the passage of a bullet, or with the discharge of a firearm, or in terms of the maximum distance for vaporous lead) Attach image of positive results found on evidence items.	

Conclusions and Their Basis for Each Location / Hole

Quality assurance / verification initials/signature

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