



OHIO CSI FORENSIC DIVISION

UNIT 1 · MEDICAL INVESTIGATION · CASE STATIC

Period 1-2 · Statik Sound, a neighborhood recording studio

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DAILY INVESTIGATION PACKET

Oct 5 · Investigation Day 16 of 18

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THE BRIEFING: WHAT YOU ARE DOING TODAY, AND HOW THE PROS DO IT

SEC 00

Picking up from yesterday: you learned that the most dangerous evidence is the kind that makes you stop looking. Tunnel vision is a process failure, and process failures have process fixes.

Bring the evidence categories to one table. Compare what each record supports, where records depend on the same sample or assumption, and what remains uncertain. No fixed count proves a conclusion.

OBJECTIVE

Today you will bring every thread to one table, close the last open questions with the records exhibits you already hold, resolve the logic tree, and draft your manner-and-cause claim.

Take-home (the ten-year idea): Corroboration means evidence supports the same explanation. Check quality, dependencies and limits; no fixed number of lines makes a conclusion certain.

CASE FILE UPDATE

SEC 01

The last records add a venue post placing Okoye on stage at one recorded moment and a maintenance ticket offering an alternative explanation for the 3:00 AM alarm. Compare the remaining hypotheses and state the limits.

Synthesis has a method, and it is the day-12 method scaled up: lay every evidence line side by side, ask what each supports INDEPENDENTLY, and watch where independent lines converge. Scene, trace, serology and DNA, chemistry, medical findings, records: six threads. Assess each record for quality, relevance and dependence on other records. Agreement can strengthen a hypothesis, but counting categories does not establish independence or certify a finding.

Today the final records exhibits release and close the open threads. Records are evidence with a special power: they are time-stamped by machines and third parties, which makes them the skeleton the soft estimates hang on. A door log records detected events. Its clock, coverage, access routes and possible missing events must be checked before drawing an occupancy conclusion.

Exoneration discipline, one last time: every suspect leaves this case in one of three states: cleared by evidence, implicated by evidence, or not established by evidence. 'We could not prove it was them' and 'the evidence shows it was not them' are different sentences, and your matrix must say which one you mean, suspect by suspect.

Then the tree: walk each manner branch and ask what the assembled evidence does to it. Prune with reasons, out loud, in writing. Compare the hypotheses and state the best-supported draft with its limitations. Cite four exhibits across three categories to organize the assignment; that citation requirement does not prove a hypothesis or eliminate alternatives.

NEW VOCABULARY (RECORD IN YOUR NOTEBOOK BANK)

SEC 04

TERM	PLAIN-LANGUAGE DEFINITION	ANALOGY TO HOLD ONTO
corroborate	when independent evidence lines agree	two witnesses who never met telling the same story
exonerate	to clear a suspect with evidence	the alibi that checks out

YOUR ROLE

Full unit at one table; F team chairs.

THE SITUATION

Everything; the matrix, the timeline, all worksheets, and the final records exhibits released today.

THE RULE YOU APPLY

Assess each branch using relevant records and their limitations. Do not eliminate a branch solely because it has fewer than two categories of evidence. Cite E-numbers for every judgment and distinguish lack of support from exclusion.

WHAT YOU PRODUCE

Draft manner-and-cause claim: one paragraph, at least four exhibits cited across at least three threads, plus the resolved suspect matrix.

Claim ceiling. Your claim names manner and cause AS THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THEM, states its strongest limitation, and stops there. Tomorrow's board and Thursday's report refine it; nothing is final tonight.

WHAT THIS UNLOCKS

The board build: your reasoning goes physical for cross-examination.

Project 1.2.6 Case Closed (referenced by title only; all materials in this file are John Hay original work)

- Portal: day page and guided notes

INVESTIGATION TEAM ASSIGNMENTS**SEC 05****A Scene and Documentation**

Brief the scene thread's independent support in two minutes.

B Trace

Brief the trace thread.

C Serology and DNA

Brief the serology and DNA thread.

D Toxicology and Chemistry

Brief the chemistry thread.

E Medical Examiner

Brief the medical thread.

F Records and Timeline

Close the threads: E14 to Okoye's row, E15 to the 3:00 AM row. Then chair the tree session. Every suspect closes with the exact sentence type the evidence earned.

NOTEBOOK PAGES IN USE TODAY**SEC 06**

- Logic tree: final pruning inked
- Suspect matrix: resolution row
- Day 16 Cornell page

DAILY SUBMISSION FORM: DRAFT MANNER-AND-CAUSE CLAIM

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- ☐ One-paragraph claim
- ☐ Four exhibits cited across three threads
- ☐ Strongest limitation stated
- ☐ Matrix resolution sentences per suspect

INVESTIGATOR (PERIOD + CODE, NO
NAMES)

TEAM

TIME SUBMITTED