

Death Investigation Form

Case Number: _____ Date: _____

Time Notified: _____ Estimated Time of Death: _____

Notified By: _____

Decedent Name: _____

Decedent Address: _____

Decedent DOB: ____/____/____ Decedent SSN: _____

Decedents Drivers License/ID Number: _____ Issued By: _____

Decedent Identified by: _____

Identifying Marks: _____

Location of Body: _____

GPS coordinates (if necessary): N/S _____ W/E _____ Elevation: _____

Cause of Death: Homicide Suicide Accident Natural Unknown Found Dead

If Motor Vehicle Accident: Driver Passenger Pedestrian Unknown

Pictures Taken: Yes No

Autopsy: Yes No

Pathologist /s: _____

Transported By: _____

Funeral Home: _____

Immediate Cause of Death: _____

Due to or as a consequence of: _____

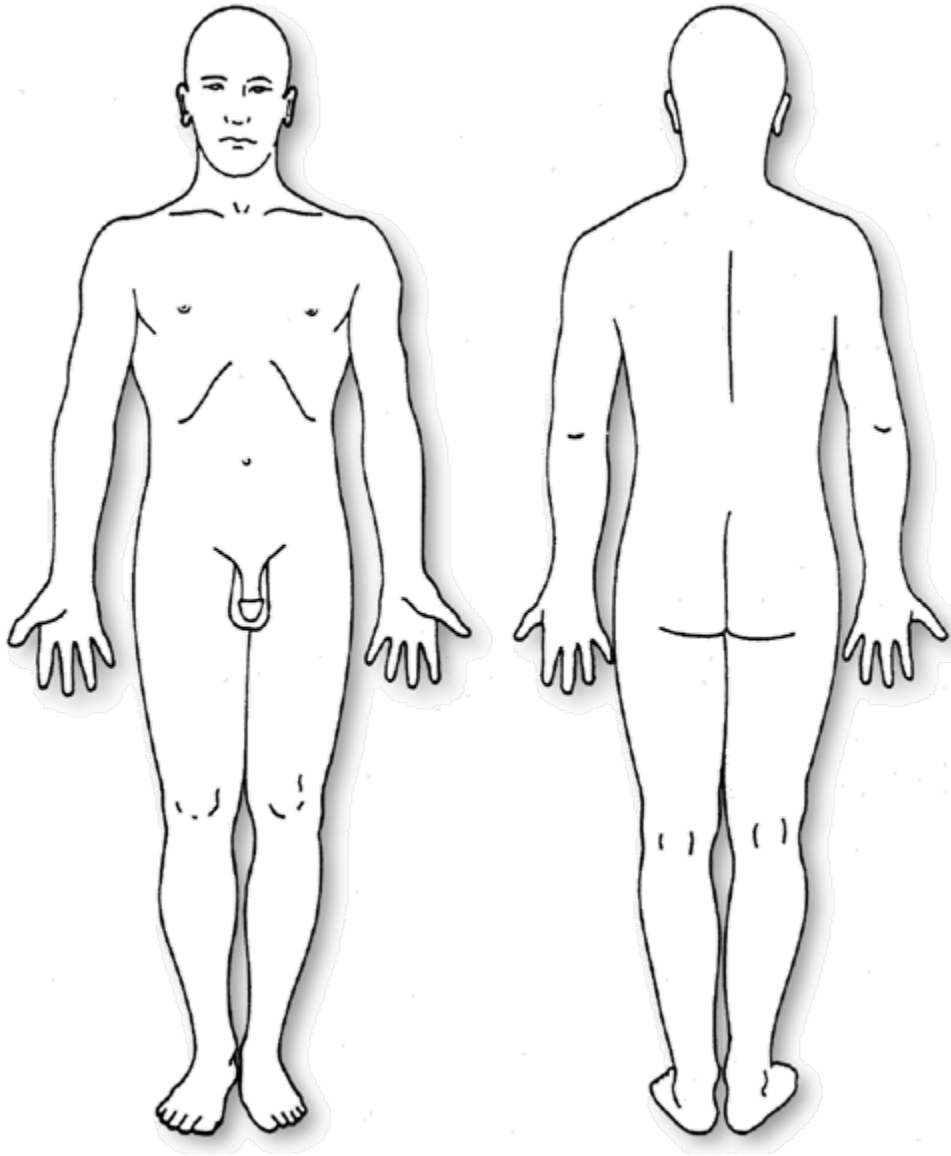
Decedent Medical History: _____

Coroner / Medical Examiner: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Body Examination: (Please Identify All Identified Wounds)



Notes:

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Formulas***:

Check the Method Used:

- Simple Time of Death Calculation Based on Body Temperature

Time of Death = $98.6(F) - \text{Core Body Temperature} / 1.5$

Temperature Drops Approximately 1.5 degrees per hour after death for the first 12 hours then drops 1 degree per hour after that up to approximately 18 hours.

- To Use Hessnge Nomogram Method please visit the following Web Pages:

<http://www.pathguy.com/TimeDead.htm>

Approximate Time of Death based on Decomposition***:

Corneal Evaluation:

Corneal Drying

Eyes Open minutes
Eyes Closed approximately 2 hours

Corneal Collapse

Eyes Open Approximately 12 – 24 hours
Eyes Closed Greater than 24 hours

Corneal Cloudiness

Eyes Open Approximately 2 hours
Eyes Closed Approximately 12 – 24 hours

Decomposition:

Blue-Green Skin Approximately 24 – 36 hours
Bloating Approximately 36 – 48 hours
Marbling Approximately 2 – 3 days
Blistering Approximately 3 days
Skin Slippage Approximately 4 -7 days
Purging Approximately 4 -5 days
Adipocere Months (in wet environment)
Mummification Weeks to Years (in dry arid environment)

Rigor / Livor Mortis

Developing Rigor Approximately 30min to 6 hrs
Full Rigor Approximately 6 hours to 24 hours
Rigor Disappears Approximately 12 – 36 hours
Blanching Livor Mortis Immediate to 2 hours
Fixed Livor Mortis Approximately 8 – 12 hours

*** All time periods listed above are approximate. Time periods will vary greatly depending on environmental conditions, decedent medical history, and other factors. All estimations are just that estimates and no one factor can accurately determine time of death. Seek professional/expert advice for more detailed determinations. LAPSC will not be held liable for inaccuracies, you may utilize these times at your own risk.