

SOC 426

Case Study Instructions

Students examined a crime scene during the course. For the case study assignment, each student will prepare a report detailing the entire investigation. This is not a research project; rather it is an exercise in the gathering of information and formulating that information into a written document that is comprehensive, organized, detailed, and easy to understand. This document does not need to be in APA format; rather, it should be prepared as a report to be filed as official documentation of your investigation. Your report should be single-spaced.

Write up the house scene as if you were a child protection worker or law enforcement. Your write up should be what you would put in a case file as documentation. Your write up should be objective and not reflect any biases. Be sure to note any findings in the home that you plan on following up on in your interviews with the mother or others.

Investigative reports are often written using headings such as the ones listed below. This list is not exclusive, and should only serve as a guide, so you may add and/or alter headings as appropriate.

It is a sample how to write the report

#1 Crime scene examination

Detail the scene. How did things look? What were your observations? What stood out? Be sure to think about things that were obviously present as well as those things that may have been absent. As always, you should include positives (strengths) and negatives (alarming points/red flags, etc) regarding the scene/home.

#2 Interviews

As part of your investigation (for the purposes of this assignment), you will need to develop an interview plan for the following three people:

1. The reporting person (the manager)

Name: Mary Jones

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Phone: 302-854-9400

2. The four-year-old child

Name: Alex Cook (DOB-04/01/13)

Address: 20530 Dupont Blvd, Georgetown, DE