FORENSIC ENTOMOLOGY DATA FORM

DATE: __________________   CASE NUMBER: ____________________________

COUNTY/STATE: __________________________   AGENCY: __________________________

DECEDEENT: ___________________________   AGE: ______   SEX: ______

Last Seen Alive: ______________________   Date and Time Found: ______________

Date Reported Missing: __________________  Time Removed from Scene: ____________

Site Description:
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Death Scene Area:

Rural:  forest_______ field_______ pasture_______ brush_______ roadside_______
          barren area_______ closed building_______ open building_______
          other_____________________________________________________

Urban/suburban:  closed building_______ open building_______
                 vacant lot_______ pavement_______ trash container_______
                 other_____________________________________________________

Aquatic habitat:  pond_______ lake_______ creek_______ small river_______
                  large river_______ irrigation canal_______ ditch_______ gulf_______
                  swampy area_______ drainage ditch_______ salt water_______
                  fresh water_______ brackish water_______
                  other_____________________________________________________

Exposure:  Open air_______ burial/depth________________________
         clothing entire_______ partial_______ nude_______
         portion of body clothed________________________
         description of clothing________________________
         type of debris on body________________________

Stage of decomposition:  fresh_______ bloat_______ active decay_______
                   advanced decay_______ skeletonization_______ saponification_______
                   mummification_______ dismemberment________________________
                   other: _____________________________________________________

Evidence of scavengers: __________________________________________
Possible traumatic injury sites:  (Comment or draw below)

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Scene temperatures:  ambient:_______ ambient (1ft)_______ body surface_______
                  ground surface_______ under-body interface_______ maggot mass_______
                  water temp, if aquatic_______ enclosed structure_______ AC/Heat- on/off_______
                  ceiling fan- on/off_______ soil temperature- 10cm_______ 20cm_______

Number of preserved samples ______   Number of live samples ______

NOTE:  Record all temperatures periodically each day at the site for 3-5 days after body recovery.

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