

## Sample Report

I was dispatched to 1234 Second Avenue at 1500 hours on April 10, 2006, in response to a possible burglary. When I arrived at the house, I saw a female standing in the front yard and she introduced herself as Jane Doe, the owner of the house. I observed a muddy print on the door that appeared to have been made by the bottom of a shoe. The print was on the outside of the door, approximately 6 inches left of the door handle. I observed that the deadbolt lock was still in the locked position and the inside door frame had been torn away from the doorjamb. Parts of the frame were visible lying on the floor of the entryway. I entered the house through the front door. The house appeared in good condition and none of the rooms appeared to be ransacked. I found the middle drawer of a desk in the master bedroom open, but the contents did not look disturbed. I found the back door to the house unlocked and standing open. I called for an evidence technician and protected the scene until Officer Bob Smith arrived.

After I checked the house for suspects, I spoke to the owner of the house and we walked through the residence. She stated that she arrived home from work, about 1500 hours. Upon noticing the condition of the front door, she did not enter but immediately went to a neighbor's house to call the police. She stated that the only thing that appeared to be disturbed was the middle drawer in the master bedroom. She reported a blue and red nylon wallet with \$500 was missing from the drawer.

Officer Smith, an evidence technician, examined the scene. Officer Smith photographed the front door and the master bedroom. He then dusted the front and rear doors and the desk for prints. Officer Smith collected a latent fingerprint from the inside door knob of the rear door.

Jane Johnson, 1235 Second Avenue, tel. 409-765-4321, approached me at the scene and stated that she has been home all day working in her kitchen. She stated that at about 1230 hours, she saw a white male run from the direction of the Doe residence. She reported that he ran across her yard toward the east. She identified the male as James Jones, who is a friend of the Doe's son. Jones lives at 2345 Second Avenue. I attempted to contact the suspect at his residence, but no one was home at the time.