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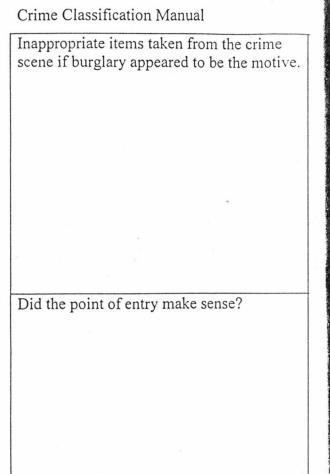
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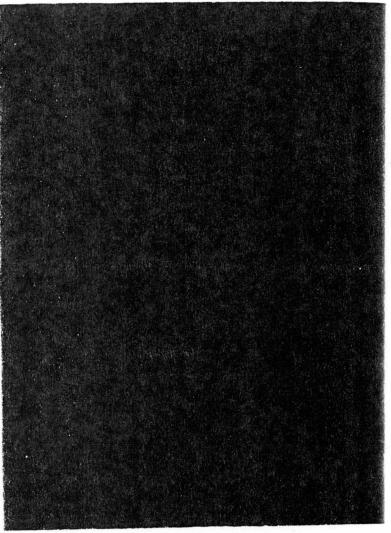
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Red Flags Indicating Staging



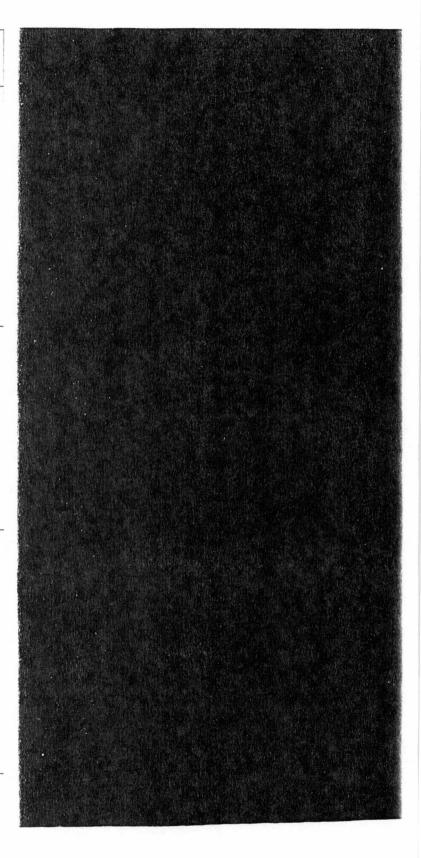




Did the perpetration of this crime pose a high risk to the offender?

Excessive trauma beyond that necessary to cause death (Overkill)

The offender will often manipulate the victim's discovery by a neighbor or family member.



Crime Scene Indicators Frequently Noted in a Staged Domestic Homicide

Crime Classification Manual

The murder weapon, fingerprints and other evidentiary items often removed

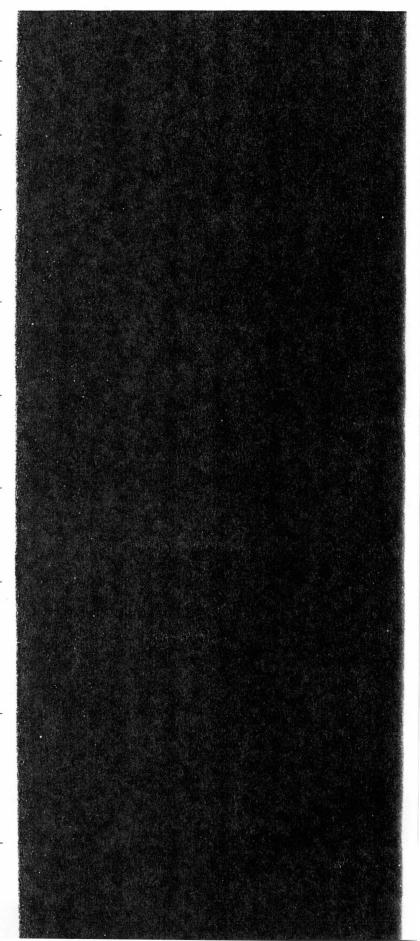
The victim's body is not concealed.

The crime scene often involves the victim's or offender's residence, as the offender typically has control of the scene and therefore can spend time staging the scene without worry of being interrupted. Death may appear to have occurred in the context of another criminal activity such as a robbery or rape.

An offender who has a close relationship with his victim will often only partially remove the victim's clothing (e.g. pants pulled down, shirt or dress pulled up, etc.) He rarely leaves the victim nude. The offender frequently positions the victim to infer that a sexual assault has occurred.

Despite the body's positioning and partial removal of clothes, the autopsy demonstrates a lack of sexual assault. With a staged sexual assault, there is usually no evidence of any sexual activity and an absence of seminal fluids in body orifices.

Another red flag apparent with many staged domestic murders is the fatal assault of the wife and/or children by an intruder while the husband escapes without injury or with a nonfatal injury. If the offender does not first target the person posing the greatest threat or if that person suffers the



least amount of injury, the police investigator should especially examine all other crime scene indicators.

