

2025 CSI Arizona Qualification Scenario

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Completed Scenario Answer Forms must be emailed in PDF format to

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On May 18th, 2024, at 11:45 PM you arrive at Cactus Point apartments located at 2734 W Cochise Dr #215. The patrol Sergeant briefs you with the following information:

Patrol officers responded to the address after receiving a call from Bill Hernandez, a food delivery driver. Bill told officers he arrived at the apartment at 10:20 PM to deliver a food order to Larry Banowitz. When he arrived, he found the door open a couple of inches. Bill knocked and looked through the gap in the door and saw the victim on the floor. Bill immediately called 911. The fire department pronounced Larry deceased. Responding officers secured the scene and stood by Bill until detectives arrived. When you observed the victim, you noticed the victim had a gunshot wound on the front of his head and on his chest.

- 1) How would you document and preserve the scene? (See Larry's Apartment Layout attachment)
- 2) Below is a list of evidence found at the crime scene:
 - a. Two shell casings found in the hallway.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?
 - b. The victim's cellphone found on the kitchen table.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?
 - c. A laptop computer found on the couch.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?
 - d. Shoe impression found in the hallway outside the apartment.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?
 - e. Latent fingerprint on the doorframe.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?

- f. A wallet found on the kitchen counter.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?
 - g. A Funstation 5 Pro gaming console in the living room.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?
 - h. A latent print from one of the shell casings.
 - i. How would you collect, preserve, and document this evidence?
 - ii. What steps would be taken to process the evidence?
 - iii. What information would you process each piece of evidence for?
- 3) What follow up investigation would you do if the following results came back from your evidence processing as well as your investigation?
- a. The shoe impression matched a Scratchers Size 11 basketball shoe.
 - b. The shell casings are Shurepoint brand Brass 9mm casings.
 - c. The laptop is registered to Larry Banowitz. A forensic analysis of the device revealed the most recent searches in the web browser were.
 - i. How can someone find me?
 - ii. Larry Banowitz address
 - iii. Funstation 5 messaging (See Evidence 1 Attachment)
 - iv. Can someone find me from my gamer ID?
 - d. The latent fingerprint did not come back with a known match.
 - e. The latent fingerprint on the shell casing did not match the print on the door and did not come back with a known match.
 - f. The wallet contained an ID belonging to Larry Banowitz and \$34 in cash.
 - g. The cellphone is registered to Larry Banowitz. There were no recent calls or texts. The food delivery app was still active in system memory.
 - h. A digital forensic analysis of the Funstation 5 Pro gaming console revealed the following information.
 - i. Larry's gamer ID is Larbano
 - ii. Larry spent most of his time in a game called Yell of Warfare
 - iii. Larry was highly competitive and ranked 75th in Arizona.
 - iv. Larry played Yell of Warfare on the night he was murdered.
 - v. Larry received several messages from another gamer named Lulz2P3w.
 - vi. The IP address in the message is Larry's IP address.

Your interview with Bill reveals he saw a subject running away from the apartment complex as he was pulling into the parking lot. He said he did not get a good look at the subject but said he believed it was a male with short hair and was wearing a dark jacket.

A preservation request sent to Funstation 5 Online associated the gamer ID Lulz2P3w is registered to Ben Johnson at 4522 E Thunderbird Rd. A records search for that address revealed a 2-month-old call for service from 4524 E Thunderbird Rd in which the complainant called to report her neighbor “Ben” cleaning a gun on his back porch. She could see him from her balcony and didn’t like it. Officers were unable to make contact at the door.

- 4) Your investigation leads you to believe Ben is a suspect. What questions would you ask him during your interview to support your case?
- 5) What additional steps, if any, would you take to ensure that your case was investigatively and legally complete?
- 6) What is your hypothesis as to what happened to the victim?