



VICTIMOLOGY INFORMATION PROTOCOL (VIP)

Victimology Profile: Operational Code	Type
	☐ Victim ☐ Decedent

PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

A. IDENTITY

1. What is the victim's full name (first, middle, last)?		2. Known nicknames, aliases, also known as:	
3. Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)	4. Age time of death:	5. Biological gender assigned at birth:	
		☐ Male ☐ Female	
6. Did the decedent identify as a different gender than that assigned at birth?			
☐ Yes ☐ No			
If yes, how did they identify:			
☐ Agender ☐ Bigender ☐ Gender Neutral ☐ Non-Binary ☐ Gender Queer ☐ Other			
7. What was the decedent's sexual orientation?			
☐ Heterosexual/Straight ☐ Gay/Lesbian ☐ Bisexual ☐ Pansexual ☐ Asexual ☐ Queer/Questioning, Etc.			
8. Did the victim belong to any minority group (racial, LGBTQ+, religious)?			
9. Race:			
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian; Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ White/Caucasian			
10. Ethnicity:			
☐ Hispanic or Latino or Spanish Origin ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino or Spanish Origin			
11. What nationality or citizenship did they hold?			
12. What language(s) did they speak?			
13. Was the victim of part of a specific faith or spiritual group?			

B. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS				
14. Height:			15. Weight:	
_____ feet _____ inches			_____ (approximate)	
Note the location		shape		Add Pictures Here
size,		color,		
Any distinguishing features				
16. Scars:		17. Marks:		

C. RESIDENCY & LAST KNOWN ACTIVITIES	
19. Where were they born? (City, County, State)	
20. What was their most recent residence? (House, apartment, unhoused, etc.)	
21. If unhoused/homeless, where did they predominantly reside?	
22. Did they live alone, or with others? If others, list anyone living with the decedent at the time of death and within the past year, along with their relevant contact information.	
23. When was the victim last known alive? (Date, time, location, and with whom)	
24. Was there any surveillance, cell data, or financial activity during that period?	
25. Did their behavior seem (normal), (abnormal), or (unknown) before death or when last seen?	

26. Had they recently become withdrawn or secretive?

C. RESIDENCY & LAST KNOWN ACTIVITIES (Continued)
27. Did they express fear, anxiety, or paranoia to anyone?
28. Did they give away belongings, write letters, or make cryptic statements?
29. Did anyone report changes in hygiene, mood, or sleep patterns?
30. Did they stop going to work, school, or social events?

D. RELATIONAL RISK & THREAT HISTORY
31. Who were the decedent's close contacts or confidants?
32. Names/nicknames, address, and phone for persons.
33. Were there any recent changes in the relationships with close contacts?
34. Were there any known enemies, stalkers, or recent threats?
35. Were they involved in any known disputes or conflicts?
36. Did the decedent have a protective order (PO) or restraining order in place? If so, against whom and what was the relationship to the victim?
37. Did the victim/decedent ever have a PO on them? If so, by whom and when?

38. Did the decedent have a history of abuse after age 18?
39. Was the victim well-known in the community? Why?

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY FACTORS & CONTRIBUTORS
40. What type of neighborhood or community did the victim live in?
41. Was the community considered high-crime or low-crime?
42. Did the victim feel safe in their neighborhood?
43. Was the victim socially active (i.e., clubs, religious groups, hobbies, etc.)?
44. Did the victim engage in online communities or dating apps?
45. What were the victim's primary modes of transportation?
46. If personal vehicle: [Make] [Model] [Color] [Year] [Plate/State] [Damage]
47. Did the victim regularly visit specific places (e.g., gyms, bars, parks)?
48. Did the victim spend time in risky or isolated areas?
49. Were they socially isolated or well-connected?

50. Was the decedent involved in any “high-risk” relationships? If so, provide names, addresses, and phone numbers.
51. Did the victim engage in alternative lifestyles? (e.g., polyamory, kink communities, auto-erotic, etc.)?
52. Was the decedent involved in any disputes or conflicts? If so, with whom and what was the issue?

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY FACTORS & CONTRIBUTORS (Continued)
53. Did the victim have a sound support system?
54. Was the victim more of an introvert or an extrovert?
55. Did the decedent have any recent or ongoing legal issues?
56. Did the victim have a pattern of routine or unpredictability in daily life?
57. Did the decedent have a history of volunteerism or activism?
58. Were they part of any marginalized or vulnerable populations?
59. What type of neighborhood/community did the victim reside in? (high/low crime)
60. What type of neighborhood/community did the victim frequent (high/low crime) and why?
61. Did the decedent use any of the social media platforms: (Check all that apply) (Make a chart)
☐ LinkedIn ☐ Facebook ☐ Instagram ☐ Tinder ☐ TikTok ☐ Snapchat ☐ YouTube ☐ Pinterest ☐ WhatsApp ☐ Telegram ☐ Reddit ☐ Twitter (X) ☐ Tumbler ☐ Messenger ☐ Discord ☐ Twitch ☐ Threads ☐ Others

62. Were these accounts mainly public or private?
63. Did they communicate frequently via text, direct message, or email?
64. Were there suspicious or anonymous contacts/messages in their inboxes?
65. Did they use dating apps, forums, or specific communities (e.g., OnlyFans, Reddit)? If so, which ones, and provide any identifying information.

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY FACTORS & CONTRIBUTORS (Continued)
66. Was there a change in their digital behavior leading up to the crime?
67. Had the victim recently become withdrawn or secretive?
68. Did the victim express fear, anxiety, or paranoia about anyone?
69. Did they give away belongings, write letters, or make cryptic statements?
70. Did anyone report changes in their hygiene, mood, or sleep patterns?
71. Did they stop going to work, school, or social events?

PHYSICAL HEALTH & MEDICAL HISTORY
72. Did the victim attend regular doctor's visits?
Did the victim have any known physical health issues or disabilities? If so, what were they?

73. Were they being treated for any medical conditions?
Did the victim show any signs of abuse or neglect? If so, what kind and for how long?
Was there recent evidence of weight gain/loss, insomnia, or fatigue?
74. Did they have any physical injuries prior to death?

PHYSICAL HEALTH & MEDICAL HISTORY (Continued)
75. Did they require medication or assistive devices?
76. Was the decedent prescribed any prescriptions? If so, please list by name, amount, and prescribing physician.
77. Was the victim up to date on vaccinations?
78. Was there a history of STDs? If so, which one's?
79. Were they physically disabled in any way?
80. Were there signs of neglect or malnourishment?
81. Was the victim pregnant at the time of death?
82. Who was believed to be the father?
83. Was this individual happy about the pregnancy?

84. If pregnant, did others know the victim was pregnant?
85. Did they have any recent surgeries or injuries?
86. Were they experiencing chronic pain or medical distress?
87. Did the decedent have a primary care provider? If so, name, address, phone number.
88. Did the decedent see any other healthcare providers? If so, name, address, phone number, and physician specialty?

EMOTIONAL HEALTH
89. Did the decedent have a documented mental health condition?
90. Were they taking any prescribed psychiatric medications?
91. Was the victim known to experience depression?
92. Were they diagnosed with PTSD, anxiety, bipolar, or other disorders?
93. Were they under psychological care?
94. Did the victim ever contemplate suicide?
95. Did the victim ever attempt suicide? If so, when, what means, and disposition?
96. Was there a known history of trauma or emotional dysregulation?

97. Were there recent emotional changes (e.g., withdrawal, aggression, crying spells)?
98. Was there a history of therapy or counseling?
99. Was there a family history of mental illness? If so, on which side of the family? And what type of mental illness(es)?
100. Did the victim ever express hopelessness or emotional distress? When and how?
101. Was the victim ever known to self-harm? If so, when and how?
102. Did the victim keep a journal or diary? If so, what are the contents?

EMOTIONAL HEALTH (Continued)
103. Did the victim show signs of paranoia, delusions, or hallucinations?
104. Did others observe mood swings or isolation?

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT HISTORY
EDUCATION
105. What was the highest level of education completed?
106. Did the decedent graduate high school?
107. Did they drop out or transfer?
108. What was the name of the last school attended (include address)

109. Did the victim attend school regularly (if school-age)?
110. Were there any disciplinary issues in school? If so, when and what were the issues?
111. Were they bullied or involved in school altercations?
112. Were there any known issues with teachers, administrators, mentors, or other adults?
113. Did they show academic achievement or struggle?
114. Did they have any special education needs or learning disabilities?

B. OCCUPATION/EMPLOYMENT HISTORY/MILITARY
115. Was the victim employed at the time of death?
116. What was their occupation and work location?
117. When was the last date they were at work, and what time?
118. Did the decedent face termination or unemployment?
119. Who can verify this? (Names, addresses, and phone numbers)
120. Did they experience financial difficulties or stress from job loss, unemployment, underemployment, etc.?

121. Did they have multiple jobs or side work?
122. What was their schedule or shift?
123. Did they travel for work?
124. Did they enjoy their work?
125. Did they work well with others?
126. Had they recently quit or been fired?
127. Did they express dissatisfaction or conflict at work?

B. OCCUPATION/EMPLOYMENT HISTORY/MILITARY (Continued)
128. Were there any known grievances or threats?
129. Did they work in a high-risk or isolated profession?
130. Were they engaged in sex work, legally or illegally?
131. Did they commute long distances?
132. Were they expected to stay away from home for long periods?
133. Were they financially independent or dependent?

C. MILITARY HISTORY
134. Had the victim served in the military? (Active duty, Reserves, Guard, other)
135. What branch and length of service?
136. Where were they stationed?
137. What was their rank at death or separation?
138. What was the Military Occupational Specialty code (MOS)?
139. Did they deploy to combat zones? When and where?
140. What was the status of their discharge?

C. MILITARY HISTORY (Continued)
141. Did they struggle with reintegration?
142. Did they experience combat trauma or PTSD?

V. FAMILY, MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIPS
A. MARITAL/RELATIONSHIP STATUS
143. Was the victim single (never married), married, separated, divorced, or widowed?
144. Were they in a romantic relationship at the time of death?

145. Was the relationship stable or volatile?
146. Were there any known separations or divorces? If so, when and to whom?
147. Was there ever a history of domestic violence?
148. Were they cohabiting with a partner?
149. Did their partner have a criminal history?
150. Were there recent breakups, reunions, or reconciliations?
151. Were they involved in any love triangles or jealousy-based conflicts?
152. Were there signs of infidelity or jealousy?

A. MARITAL/RELATIONSHIP STATUS (Continued)
153. Did the decedent express fear of their partner? Why?
154. Was there ever a protective order/restraining order against the victim or suspect?
155. When was it initiated (date and reason)?
156. Was it active at the time of the victim's passing?

B. CHILDREN
157. Did the victim have children?
158. How many? Provide names, ages, and whether they lived with the decedent or not.
159. Was the decedent the primary caretaker or custodial parent?
160. Was the decedent actively involved in parenting?
161. Were there custody issues or visitation disputes?
162. Were there prior Child Protective Services (CPS) reports or investigations? If so when and why?
163. Did the decedent financially support the children?
164. Did the victim have children?

B. CHILDREN (Continued)
165. If so, how many? Names, ages, addresses, etc.
166. Was the victim actively involved in parenting?
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168. Were there custody issues or visitation disputes?

169. Were there prior child protective services (CPS) reports or investigations? If so, when and why?
170. Did any of the children witness/experience abuse? (of themselves or others?) If so, whom, when, where, and why?
171. Did any of the children witness the death or find the body?

C. FAMILY DYNAMICS
172. Who did the victim consider family (biological or chosen)?
173. Were there past or current conflicts with family?
174. Were any family members abusive?
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VI. ABUSE HISTORY (BEFORE & AFTER 18 YEARS)
A. CHILDHOOD (BEFORE AGE 18)
184. Did the victim experience physical abuse? If so, by whom, when, where, and why?
185. Did they experience sexual abuse? If so, by whom, when, where, and why?
186. Did they experience verbal abuse? If so, by whom, when, where, and why?
187. Were they emotionally abused, neglected, or abandoned? If so, by whom, when, where, and why?
188. Was any of the abuse ever documented? Where and when?
189. Was any of the abuse reported to others (family, friends, teachers etc.?)

A. CHILDHOOD (BEFORE AGE 18) (Continued)
190. Were they removed from the home (e.g., foster care)? If so why and when?
191. Did they witness violence in the home? If so, who perpetrated the abuse?

192. Was the perpetrator prosecuted? Disposition?
193. Did the victim(s) ever receive counseling?

B. Adulthood (Age 18+)
194. Were they ever a victim of intimate partner violence?
195. Did they ever stay in a shelter?
196. Did they have a partner who exerted control, isolation, or financial abuse?
197. Was the decedent ever trafficked or coerced into sex work? If so, when and by whom?
198. Were they ever stalked or harassed?
199. Were they ever sexually assaulted? If so, by whom and when?
200. Did they report abuse to law enforcement?
201. Did they utilize shelters or resources?

B. Adulthood (Age 18+) (Continued)
202. Were they ashamed or secretive about prior abuse?

203. Did abuse influence their social or work life?
204. Was the decedent ever harassed at work?
205. Were they ever held against their will?
206. Did they have a “safe place” to go during a crisis?
207. Did they exhibit signs of PTSD? Was there ever a PTSD diagnosis?

VII. CRIMINAL HISTORY / GANG
A. Criminal Justice Involvement
208. Did the victim have a criminal record? If so, when and for what?
209. Were they on probation or parole? If so, when and for what?
210. Did they have open warrants or pending cases? If so, when and for what?
211. Had they been incarcerated? If so, when, where, and length?
212. Were they involved with law enforcement (as a witness, informant, etc.)?
213. Were they known to carry weapons? If so, what kind(s)?

B. GANG AFFILIATION

214. Was the decedent ever associated with a gang or criminal activity?
215. Was the victim known or suspected to be in a gang?
216. What gang, if known?
217. Were they former members or trying to exit a gang?
218. Were any tattoos, clothing, or symbols gang-affiliated?
219. Did they have any gang-affiliated tattoos or symbols?
220. Was the decedent ever incarcerated? If so, how long, where, when, and why?
221. Did the decedent have any known enemies or rivals?
222. Were they involved in criminal activities?
223. Did they have any known enemies or rivals if so, who?

VIII. BEHAVIORAL RISKS & LIFESTYLE FACTORS

224. Did the victim live alone or with others? And if with others, whom?
225. What is the neighborhood considered: rural, urban, or high crime?
226. Were there nearby businesses, parks, or transit hubs?
227. Were the recent complaints about strange people, break-ins, or surveillance?
228. Was the home secure with locks, a camera, alarm systems, etc.?
229. Was the victim known for risky behaviors (e.g., street racing, trespassing)?
230. Were they involved in illegal or fringe activities?
231. Did they go missing in the past?
232. Did they hitchhike, engage with strangers, or participate in sex work?
233. Were they involved in illicit economies (e.g., drug sales, theft)?
234. Did they maintain online relationships with unknown people?
235. Did the decedent engage in high-risk sexual behavior?
236. Did the victim display reckless driving or thrill-seeking behaviors?

VIII. BEHAVIORAL RISKS & LIFESTYLE FACTORS (Continued)
237. Were they involved in pornography or adult content creation?
238. Did they have gambling habits or debts?
239. Were they ever homeless or transient?
240. Did they associate with dangerous individuals?
241. Did the decedent participate in illegal activities?
242. If so, what type of activities, when, and with whom?
243. Did the decedent participate in extreme or dangerous hobbies?
244. Did the decedent own a firearm?
245. Did they possess it legally/illegally? (Make/Model/Serial Number)
246. Did the decedent frequently change partners or residences?
247. Had the victim filed previous police reports for stalking or assault?
248. What was the victim's daily or weekly routine?
249. What were their known hobbies or social activities?
250. Did the victim have a will? Who was the beneficiary or beneficiaries?

VIII. BEHAVIORAL RISKS & LIFESTYLE FACTORS (Continued)
251. On the day in question, was the victim's route or behavior out of the ordinary?
252. Was there surveillance, cell data, or financial activity prior to the victim's death?

IX. SUBSTANCE USE
253. Did the victim use alcohol regularly? If so, how often?
254. Were there signs of recent intoxication?
255. Did they use recreational or illicit drugs?
256. Was there any abuse of prescription drugs? If so, names and doses.
257. Did the decedent inject or snort drugs?
258. Were they prescribed controlled substances? If so, add names, amounts, etc.
259. Had they ever overdosed?
260. Were there drugs and/or paraphernalia near the body?
261. Did they attend rehab or recovery groups?
262. Did the decedent relapse recently?

263. Did the victim ever overdose? If so, when and on what?

IX. SUBSTANCE USE (Continued)
264. Were drugs/alcohol found at the scene?
265. Was substance use a known issue in their relationships?
266. Were family/friends aware of the addiction struggles?
267. Was the substance use connected to trauma? If so, please explain.

FINANCIAL STATUS
268. Was the decedent financially stable?
269. Did the decedent face economic hardship in the past year?
270. Did the decedent rely on government assistance?
271. If so, what kind and how much did they receive per month?
272. Was the decedent in debt? If so, for what and how much?
273. Was the decedent facing eviction?
274. Were there signs of financial strain?
275. Did the decedent have assets? Please list.

276. Did the decedent have Bank Accounts? If so, what kinds, where, and amounts in each account?

FINANCIAL STATUS (Continued)
277. Were there signs of financial strain?

X. DEATH SCENE & FINAL FINDINGS
278. Where was the decedent discovered?
279. Was this a public or private location?
280. Did the scene appear staged? If so, how?
281. Was the location familiar to the victim? If so why?
282. Was the location “known” to the decedent?
283. What was the position and condition of the body?
284. Was the scene staged?
285. Were there signs of struggle?
286. Were there defensive wounds?

287. Was DNA found on the decedent, the clothing, or at the scene?
288. Did anyone witness the death? If so, who, when, and provide the circumstances.

X. DEATH SCENE & FINAL FINDINGS (Continued)
289. Was the body moved post-mortem? If so, by whom and why?
290. Was a 9-1-1 call placed? If so, by whom and from what phone?
291. Were there signs of struggle or defense wounds?
292. Was a weapon present?
293. Were personal items (phone, wallet, jewelry) missing?
294. Were there signs of recent sexual activity or assault?
295. Were toxicology tests performed?
296. What substances were found in the body?
297. Were there signs of an overdose?
298. Toxicology results.
299. Was a rape kit completed?
300. Were there visible signs of possible sexual assault?

301. Was the body clothed? If so, were there signs of undress or redress?
302. Was the time of death estimated?

X. DEATH SCENE & FINAL FINDINGS (Continued)
303. What was the official cause of death?
304. What was the manner of death? (Homicide, suicide, accidental, undetermined)
305. Was the victim moved postmortem?
306. Were there postmortem injuries or mutilation?
307. Did the location of death align with known routines or was it unusual?
308. Were there witnesses who saw the victim in the final 24 hours?
309. Were there any communications (texts, calls) just before death?
310. Were suicide or homicide notes present?
311. Were there indicators of targeted versus random violence?
312. Was there evidence of torture, restraint, or sadistic behavior?
313. Were there signs of autoerotic death? If so, what were they?

314. Was this death consistent with a known pattern (serial, domestic, retaliatory)?
315. Were there digital footprints (social media, emails) offering clues?

X. DEATH SCENE & FINAL FINDINGS (Continued)
316. Did the victim have a life insurance policy or recent changes to beneficiaries?
317. Did the victim make any unusual purchases recently?
318. Were there disputes over money, property, or relationships?
319. Were personal items missing or left behind?
320. Were any threats made shortly before death?
321. Was the offender possibly known to the victim?
322. What investigative leads have been ruled out or are still open?
323. Were there signs of an overdose?
324. Were there signs of recent sexual activity?
325. Were toxic chemicals or poisonous present?

326. Were there old injuries or healed trauma?