

## SECONDARY SURVEY – STEP SIX

Following the initial evidence collection and processing, a second survey will be conducted to ensure that the scene has been thoroughly searched as a quality control step. The amount of processing required at a major investigative scene is too extensive to remember, so a follow-up checklist should be utilized. The second survey should include:

Remember: If it's not in the report it never happened.

1. What has taken place?

A go pro is really essential for the investigator along with recording play by play dialog of the actions and interactions with every step of the investigation, including surveys.

2. Where is the scene?

Include follow-up maps of the area and trace your steps on the map. Use highlighted boxes to record key information.

3. What evidence do I need to document?

This is evidence not collected in the first survey. It is important to record any rediscovered or new evidence found just as in the initial survey. Make sure you record any remaining evidence in the secured area, as well as, anything that may be found outside the designated area. Compare both surveys to ensure you captured all evidence. It will all be part of the end story.

4. What evidence do I need to collect?

There should be no remaining evidence left at a scene.

5. What processes must I perform?

Always go through all documentation and ensure that every step has been followed up and completed before exiting and closing a scene.