

Introduction to FORENSIC SCIENCE  
CHAPTER 1

What is Forensic Science?

- The study and application of science to matters of law.
- Includes the business of providing timely, accurate, and thorough information to all levels of decision makers in our criminal justice system

What does a Forensic Scientist Do?

1. Evaluate the Crime Scene
2. Reconstruct the crime
3. Find the evidence left at the crime scene
4. Collect the evidence
5. Use forensics to solve the crime

Criminalistics vs. Criminology

- **Criminalistics:**  
The science dealing with the detection of crime and the apprehension of criminals

Criminalistics vs. Criminology

- **Criminology:**  
Includes the psychological angle, studying the crime scene for motive, traits, and behavior that will help to interpret the evidence.

Crime Scene Team (C.S.I.)

- A group of professional investigators, each trained in a variety of special disciplines

Crime Scene Team

- **Team Members:**
  1. Police Officers
  2. C.S.I. /Forensic Specialists
  3. Detective
  4. Coroner/Medical Examiner
  5. Prosecutor