

Occult Investigator - Human

An awakened detective who combines magical abilities with investigative skills. This human Magician specializes in alchemy and detection magic, using preparations and counterspelling to support investigations into the supernatural underworld. The Snake mentor spirit guides their pursuit of arcane secrets.

Source: SR5 Core Rulebook, p. 115

Gameplay Level Identification

Detected Level: Standard **Evidence:**

- Total resources: ~49,200¥ (within 50K Budget D)
- Max availability: 12F (Fake SIN Rating 4)
- Max device rating: 2 (Sony Emperor)
- Estimated karma budget: 25 (standard)

Priority Selection

Priority	Category	Allocation
A	Magic/Resonance	Magician (Magic 6, 2 skills at 5, 10 spells)
B	Attributes	20 points
C	Skills	28 points / 2 skill groups
D	Resources	50,000¥
E	Metatype	Human (1 special attribute point)

Metatype

Human

- Base Edge: 1
- No inherent advantages or disadvantages
- Balanced attribute ranges

Attributes

Core Attributes

BOD	AGI	REA	STR	WIL	LOG	INT	CHA
3	3	4	3	5	3	6	5

Special Attributes

Attribute	Value	Notes
Essence	6.0	No augmentations
Edge	3	2 from priority
Magic	4	Magician

Derived Stats

Limits

Limit	Value	Calculation
Physical	5	$[(STR \times 2) + BOD + REA] / 3$
Mental	6	$[(LOG \times 2) + INT + WIL] / 3$
Social	7	$[(CHA \times 2) + WIL + ESS] / 3$

Initiative

Type	Value	Dice
Physical	10	1D6
Astral	12	2D6

Condition Monitors

Type	Boxes	Calculation
Physical	10	8 + (BOD/2), rounded up
Stun	11	8 + (WIL/2), rounded up

Magic/Resonance

Tradition

Shamanic Tradition (implied by Mentor Spirit Snake)

- Drain Attribute: Willpower + Charisma

Magic Rating

Magic 4 — reduced from Priority A's base 6 due to:

- Priority A provides Magic 6
- Mentor Spirit (Snake) costs 5 Karma (not Magic reduction)
- **Note:** The stat block shows Magic 4, suggesting 10 karma was spent converting Magic points or this reflects adjustments

Alchemical Preparations (8 known — ≤ Magic×2 = 8 ✓)

Preparation	Type	Range	Drain	Notes
Analyze Truth	Detection	Touch	F-2	Detect lies
Armor	Health	Touch	F-2	Increase armor rating
Clairvoyance	Detection	Touch	F-3	See distant locations
Detect Individual	Detection	Touch	F-3	Locate specific person
Flamethrower	Combat	Touch	F-3	Elemental fire damage
Heal	Health	Touch	F-4	Heal Physical damage
Physical Barrier	Manipulation	Touch	F-1	Create physical wall
Stealth	Illusion	Touch	F-3	Become harder to detect

Skills

Active Skills

Skill	Rating	Specialization	Linked Attribute	Notes
Alchemy	5	—	Magic	Primary magical skill
Arcana	4	+2	Logic	Specialization included
Banishing	4	—	Magic	—
Binding	3	—	Magic	—
Clubs	2	—	Agility	—
Counterspelling	4	—	Magic	—
Impersonation	3	Human +2	Charisma	Specialization included
Perception	5	—	Intuition	—
Summoning	5	—	Magic	—
Influence Group	2	—	Charisma	Skill group

Influence Skill Group (Rating 2):

- Con 2
- Etiquette 2
- Leadership 2
- Negotiation 2

Skill Points Calculation

Category	Points	Notes
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Individual	35	Alchemy 5 + Arcana 4 + Banishing 4 + Binding 3 + Clubs 2 + Counterspelling 4 + Impersonation 3 + Perception 5 + Summoning 5
Skill Groups	2	Influence group × 2
Total	35/2	Priority C provides 28/2

Overspent: 7 skill points beyond Priority C (28). These must be purchased with Karma (see Karma Expenditure).

Knowledge Skills

Free Points: $(\text{INT } 6 + \text{LOG } 3) \times 2 = 18 \text{ points}$

Skill	Category	Rating	Specialization	Points
Magical Community (Seattle)	Street	4	+2	4
Magical Forensics	Professional	3	—	3
Police Procedures	Professional	3	—	3
Sprawl Dive Bars	Street	3	—	3
Total				13

Validation: ✓ 13 points spent ≤ 18 available (5 points unused)

Languages

Language	Rating	Points
English	N	0
Spanish	N	0
Sperethiel	4	4

Note: Bilingual quality grants two native languages (English and Spanish).

Total Knowledge/Language: $13 + 4 = 17 \leq 18$ ✓

Qualities

Positive Qualities

Quality	Karma Cost	Notes
Bilingual	5	English N, Spanish N
First Impression	11	+2 dice to Social tests with new contacts
Magician	—	From Magic priority

Mentor Spirit (Snake)	5	+2 Arcana, +2 Detection spells; must pursue secrets
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Total Positive: 21 Karma (≤25 limit ✓)

Negative Qualities

Quality	Karma Bonus	Notes
Addiction (Alcohol, Mild)	+4	Must make test to avoid drinking
Bad Luck	+12	Critical glitches on any 1s
National SIN (Aztlan)	+5	Legal citizen with tax obligations

Total Negative: 21 Karma (≤25 limit ✓)

Contacts

Free Contact Karma: CHA 5 × 3 = **15 Karma**

Contact	Connection	Loyalty	Cost
Talismonger	3	2	5
Police Detective	3	4	7
Bartender	1	2	3
Total			15

Validation: ✓ 15 Karma spent = 15 available (fully utilized)

Gear

Armor

Armor	Rating	Capacity	Cost
Lined Coat	9	9	900¥

Total Armor Rating: 9

Magical Gear

Item	Force/Rating	Cost	Notes
Alchemy Focus	Force 4	—	Enhances Alchemy tests
Counterspelling Focus	Force 4	—	Combat spell category
Magical Lodge Materials	Force 5	2,500¥	For ritual spellcasting

Focus Costs:

- Alchemy Focus F4 = $4 \times 5,000\text{¥} = 20,000\text{¥}$ (Enchanting Focus)
- Counterspelling Focus F4 (Combat Spells) = $4 \times 4,000\text{¥} = 16,000\text{¥}$ (Spell Focus)

Focus Bonding Costs:

- Alchemy Focus F4: Force $\times 3 = 12$ Karma (Enchanting Focus)
- Counterspelling Focus F4: Force $\times 2 = 8$ Karma (Spell Focus for category)

Focus Validation:

- ✓ Foci count (2) \leq Magic (4)
- ✓ Total Force (8) \leq Magic $\times 2$ (8)

Weapons

Melee Weapons

Weapon	Type	Reach	Acc	DV	AP	Cost
Staff	Club	2	6	6P	—	100¥
Stun Baton	Club	1	4	9S(e)	-5	750¥

Staff Notes: DV 6P = STR 3 + 3P. The stat block shows "DV 6P" which matches.

Stun Baton Notes: 10 charges, electrical damage.

Electronics

Item	Rating	Cost	Notes
Sony Emperor	DR 2	700¥	Basic commlink

IDs and Licenses

Identity	SIN Type	Rating	Cost
Private Detective	Fake SIN	4	10,000¥

"Private Detective" Licenses (Rating 4):

- Fake License (Private Detective) [800¥]

Lifestyle

Type	Duration	Cost/Month	Total
Middle	2 months	5,000¥	10,000¥

Vehicles

Vehicle	Hand	Speed	Accel	Body	Armor	Pilot	Sensor	Pass	Cost
Chrysler-Nissan Jackrabbit	4/3	3	2	8	4	1	2	2	—

Note: The Chrysler-Nissan Jackrabbit is **not found in core-rulebook.json**. This vehicle needs to be added to the database. Based on the stat block, it appears to be a basic compact car.

Resource Calculation

Category	Item	Cost
Armor	Lined Coat	900¥
Foci	Alchemy Focus (Force 4)	20,000¥
	Counterspelling Focus (Force 4)	16,000¥
Magical Gear	Magical Lodge Materials (F5)	2,500¥
Weapons	Staff	100¥
	Stun Baton	750¥
Electronics	Sony Emperor	700¥
IDs	Fake SIN (Rating 4)	10,000¥
	Fake License (Rating 4)	800¥
Lifestyle	Middle (2 months)	10,000¥
Vehicles	Chrysler-Nissan Jackrabbit	~10,000¥
Subtotal		~71,750¥

Discrepancy: Total exceeds Priority D (50,000¥). Possible explanations:

- 1. Vehicle may be from different source or different cost
- 2. Karma-to-Nuyen conversion used
- 3. Foci costs may be different interpretation

Priority Inference

Attribute Points Calculation

Attribute	Value	Human Base	Purchased
Body	3	1	2
Agility	3	1	2
Reaction	4	1	3
Strength	3	1	2
Willpower	5	1	4
Logic	3	1	2
Intuition	6	1	5

Charisma	5	1	4
Total			24

Note: 24 points exceeds Priority B (20). Either:

- 4 attribute points were purchased with karma ($4 \times 5 = 20$ karma), OR
- Priority A was taken for Attributes

Skills Calculation

Skill	Rating	Notes
Alchemy	5	Individual
Arcana	4	Individual
Banishing	4	Individual
Binding	3	Individual
Clubs	2	Individual
Counterspelling	4	Individual
Impersonation	3	Individual
Perception	5	Individual
Summoning	5	Individual
Influence	2	Skill Group
Total	35/2	

Analysis: 35 skill points + 2 group points. Priority A provides 46/10, Priority B provides 36/5, Priority C provides 28/2.

The 2 group points match Priority C exactly. The 35 individual points exceeds Priority C's 28 by 7 points.

Magic Calculation

- **Magic Rating:** 4 (stat block shows M column = 4)
- **Priority A Magic:** Base 6, could be reduced to 4 via Edge purchases or adjustments
- **Spells:** 8 preparations known ($\leq \text{Magic} \times 2 = 8$ ✓)
- **Foci:** 2 foci, total Force 8 ($\leq \text{Magic} \times 2 = 8$ ✓)

Resources Calculation

Total estimated: ~50,000–72,000¥ depending on vehicle cost interpretation.

Priority D provides 50,000¥, which is tight for this loadout.

Metatype Calculation

- Metatype: Human
- Edge: 3 (from stat block)
- Priority E Human provides 1 special attribute point (Edge 2 base + 1 = 3)

Wait — Edge starts at 1 for humans, so 3 Edge = 2 special points spent. Priority E provides 1 special, so additional points came from elsewhere.

Priority Summary (Revised)

Priority	Category	Confidence	Notes
A	Magic	90%	Magician with 2 skills at 5
B	Attributes	70%	24 points (20 base + 4 karma?)
C	Skills	80%	28/2 + 7 karma-purchased points
D	Resources	60%	50K tight for loadout
E	Metatype	85%	Human with 1-2 special points

Karma Expenditure Validation

Starting Karma: 25 (Standard level)

Category	Items	Cost	Running Total
Positive Qualities	Bilingual (5), First Impression (11), Mentor Spirit (5)	21	21
Negative Qualities	Addiction Mild (4), Bad Luck (12), National SIN (5)	-21	0
Focus Bonding	Alchemy F4 (12), Counterspelling F4 (8)	20	20
Specializations	Arcana +2 (7), Impersonation +2 (7)	14	34
Skills (overflow)	7 points at ~2 Karma each (avg)	~14	48
Total Spent		~48	

Problem: 48 Karma spent exceeds 25 starting + 21 negative = 46 available.

Possible Resolution:

- Some skills may have been at lower effective cost
- Character may have been built at Prime Runner level (35 karma)
- Stat block may contain optimization errors

Creation Limits Validation

Limit	Value	Max	Status
Positive qualities	21	25	✓
Negative qualities	21	25	✓
Physical at max	0	1	✓
Mental at max (INT 6)	1	1	✓

Max skill rating	5	6	✓
Max availability	12F	12	✓
Foci count	2	4	✓
Foci total Force	8	8	✓
Spells (preparations)	8	8	✓

Validation Report

Matched Items

Found in `/data/editions/sr5/core-rulebook.json` :

- ✓ Lined Coat (armor)
- ✓ Staff (melee weapon)
- ✓ Stun Baton (melee weapon)
- ✓ Sony Emperor (commlink)
- ✓ Fake SIN (identification)
- ✓ Fake License (identification)
- ✓ Magical Lodge Materials (magical supplies)
- ✓ Middle Lifestyle (lifestyle)
- ✓ Snake (mentor spirit)
- ✓ Bilingual (quality)
- ✓ First Impression (quality)
- ✓ Mentor Spirit (quality)
- ✓ Addiction (quality)
- ✓ Bad Luck (quality)
- ✓ National SIN (quality)
- ✓ All spells/preparations listed
- ✓ All skills listed
- ✓ Spell Focus type
- ✓ Enchanting Focus type (for Alchemy)

Missing from Database

Item	Type	Suggested Action
Chrysler-Nissan Jackrabbit	Vehicle	Add to groundcraft array in vehicles

Chrysler-Nissan Jackrabbit Suggested Entry:

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{
  "id": "chrysler-nissan-jackrabbit",
  "name": "Chrysler-Nissan Jackrabbit",
  "category": "cars",
  "handling": {
    "onRoad": 4,
    "offRoad": 3
  },
}
```

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"speed": 3,
"acceleration": 2,
"body": 8,
"armor": 4,
"pilot": 1,
"sensor": 2,
"seats": 2,
"cost": 10000,
"availability": 0,
"page": 462
}
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Focus Type Clarification

The stat block lists:

- "Alchemy focus (Force 4)" — This maps to **Enchanting Focus** in the database
- "counterspelling focus (Force 4, combat spells)" — This maps to **Spell Focus** specialized in Combat category

Notes

- Snake mentor spirit provides +2 dice for Detection spells and +2 Arcana — excellent synergy with investigative magic
- Alchemy focus at Force 4 adds significant dice to preparation creation
- Counterspelling focus specialized in Combat provides strong defensive options
- High Intuition (6) and Charisma (5) support the investigator theme
- National SIN (Aztlan) provides legal identity but with reporting obligations
- Alcohol addiction provides roleplaying hook for noir detective archetype
- First Impression quality excellent for interviewing witnesses and suspects

Starting Nuyen

$1,250 + (4D6 \times 100)¥$

(Average: $1,250 + 1,400 = 2,650¥$)