# Break and Enter

Initial Complaint  
  
1 .Who is the caller? Tombstone Data: Full Name, DOB, Address, Phone #  
2 .Is B&E in progress or not?  
3 .Caller's relationship to property broken into  
4 .Who owns the property?  
5 .Who noticed the B&E?  
6 .Did anyone enter? If yes, who and what path did they take?  
7 .Did anyone touch anything? If so, what?  
8 .Who will be on the scene when police/investigator attend?  
9 .Did they notice anyone suspicious in the area?  
10 .Any suspects, witnesses or physical evidence?  
11 .Tell caller not to let anyone near the scene until police arrive.  
  
  
First responder and Scene examination  
  
1 .Anybody fleeing scene while enroute? On foot, in vehicle  
2 .Don't drive on scene, park away to not disturb or contaminate any evidence or foot/tire prints  
3 .Confirm B&E with whoever reported it.  
4 .Secure scene(s)  
5 .Take pictures of scene with whoever is on scene in it  
6 .Separate witness  
7 .Commence a scene log to track who comes and goes (Take Names of everyone on scene)  
8 .Find out who victim/owner of property is.  
9 .Document the crime scene as you found it.  
10 .One entrance One exit.  
11 .Ask when floors were cleaned  
12 .Skirt and walk along the wall. Suspect(s) will take path of least resistance  
13 .Any suspect footprints or tire impressions outside building? Flight path?  
14 .Glass is where best footprints are found  
15 .Confirm if scene was disturbed. Who, when and where did they go?  
16 .Take names of everyone on scene.  
17 .Search perimeter for evidence. Footprints in mud, dirt, snow, flower beds, tire impressions tools used to break in, suspects clothing/disguises, cigarette butts, etc..  
18 .Determine if Forensic Identification Section required  
  
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS  
1. Do fingerprints need to be lifted from secured objects?  
2. Shoe or foot impressions off of secured objects  
3. Severity of B&E, value, victims on scene, etc. Has there been a rash of breaks lately, etc...  
4. Need for more professional photographs  
5. Likelihood of fingerprints/footprints/shoe impressions being lifted? Dusty surfaces, smeared prints, gloves being used, etc...  
6. Tire impressions  
7. DNA left behind. Broke glass, cigarette butts, urine, feces, saliva, etc...  
  
19 .Identifications services needed.  
  
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS  
1. Keep scene secure.  
2. Cover outside evidence until identification section attends.  
3. Begin taking statements.  
  
20 .Determine if Police Dog service is required.  
21 .Determine if other special units are required/available. B&E section, General Investigation Section, etc...  
22 .Determine force used to enter property  
23 .When was scene found broken into? Date and Time  
24 .What was the point of entry?  
25 .Method of entry?  
26 .Footprints/shoe impressions inside property  
27 .What path did perpetrator take? Inside and out  
28 .Any other points of contact made by suspect? Some suspects have been known to use the bathroom, eat and/or drink on scene  
29 .What was stolen? Make, Model, serial #'s, description, color, value, number of items taken, receipts  
30 .Describe items without serial numbers with great detail, include defects and other identifiers.  
31 .Try to obtain photos of stolen items from victim  
32 .Where were stolen items located prior to removal?  
33 .Was anything disturbed or touched?  
34 .Is there physical evidence? Fingerprints, damaged items, foot/shoe impressions, broken glass, clothing, gloves, trace fibers, paint chips, etc...  
35 .Is there signs of any unusual suspect behavior? Drinking alcohol, smoking, burning matches, defecation, handling of female undergarments, made themselves at home, urination, used gloves, mask, telephone, tissue/towels, weapons, graffiti, vandalism  
36 .Photograph and describe any evidence that you cannot take.  
37 .Can physical evidence be seized? Items possibly handled or disturbed ( i.e. Papers, removable drawers, screens, tools, etc...  
38 .Take samples of material that might match the evidence on a suspect  
39 .Point of exit  
40 .Photograph scene. including POE's, pathway, where stolen items taken from, damages, any type of impressions (tire, foot, fingerprints)  
41 .Is there surveillance video available?  
42 .Is there an alarm and was the phone line cut?  
43 .If there was an alarm was it activated or disabled? When?  
44 .Determine timeline. When last person attended the property prior to break, first person to arrive after break.  
45 .Neighborhood inquiries to find out if anyone suspicious in area prior to break or in the past. Noises heard, did they notice any lights on, what time they went to bed and woke up, likelihood of hearing or seeing break.  
46 .Take detailed notes.  
  
  
Statements  
  
1 .Victim(s)  
  
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS  
1. Determine timeline, when property was last scene prior to break, when break was noticed, by whom?  
2. Was property secured?  
3. State property was left in prior break. Floors and counters just cleaned, preparing for seasonal use, etc...  
4. Did the make any changes to the scene before the police arrived?  
5. What was damaged?  
6. What was stolen? Make, model, description, current or original value ($), serial numbers  
7. What is at the scene that normally wouldn't be there?  
8. Does anyone else have access to property? Possible suspects, witnesses for elimination prints, past or present employees/key holders, etc...  
9. Do they suspect anyone?  
10. Any prior issues with any individual? Friends, Family, acquaintances, employees past or present, neighbors, etc...  
11. Unusual loiterers, visitors, parked cars, or phone calls before the break and enter?  
12. Who would have had the opportunity to act?  
13. Any previous B&E's at the property or other properties owned by the victim(s)?  
14. Possibility of inside job  
15. If it is a business, name of employees  
16. Would employees be willing to fill out view questionnaire or agree to polygraph?  
17. Insurance company and if there will be a claim  
18. Is the victim a suspect for insurance fraud? (read rights)  
19. Does the victim have an alibi and who can confirm?  
20. Do you need to move into an interrogation?  
21. Would the victim be willing to take a polygraph?  
  
2 .Witness  
  
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS  
1. Tombstone Data: Full Name, DOB, Address, Phone #  
2. Relationship to property/victim  
3. Determine Timeline Who was last to attend property and first to find property broken into  
4. What they witnessed Suspects, other witnesses, scene, stolen items, etc... (will vary depending on witness involvement)  
5. If they witnessed suspects, provide detail description of suspect and clothing. Where they saw suspect, how suspect fled the scene, etc...  
6. Whom they suspect as being involved and why?  
7. Any knowledge of what was stolen description, value, serial numbers, etc...  
8. Is information provided reliable how and why?  
9. Any other pertinent information that can be provided will vary from witness to witness  
  
  
  
Follow Up  
  
1 .Determine Modus Operandi is this crime similar to others in the area?  
2 .Check prior B&E's for suspects and suspect vehicles  
3 .Add all stolen items and serial numbers to CPIC. NCIC in US  
4 .Contact Owner/victim/witnesses to see if they have any new avenues to follow up with  
5 .Contact pawn shops to see if stolen items have been pawned  
6 .Canvass sources for information  
7 .Media release  
8 .Email to other members not working and other detachments or police forces, as well as other intelligence sections working on similar files  
9 .Complete required documents. Occurrence reports, exhibit reports, forensic identification requests, enter all data, photos, statements, notes, receipts, referral forms, CPIC printouts added to file  
10 .Contact criminal intelligence section to see if rash of B&E's or if there are suspects in other files that meet MO  
11 .Keep eye out for other possible related B&E or suspects  
12 .Have other members to question any detained clients with regards to this crime  
13 .Determine if stolen electronics can be tracked via GPS Smart phones, laptops, iPads, etc...  
14 .Solvability factors  
  
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS  
1. Update ident an Investigation (Suspect Names)  
2. Elimination Prints as soon as possible  
3. Tools and metal components can be compared  
  
15 .Have any physical evidence analyzed