CRM342 - Practical Experiment A

Sketching from Verbal Description of Crime Scene

Sketch:

East wall of 12573 East Locust Street, Union City, New Jersey

Descriptive:

The east wall is 12 feet long from north to south. There are no windows in the east wall. A large (2 feet wide by 3 feet high) painting of a vase with flowers is in the approximate center of the wall. The northern edge of the painting is 3 feet, 8 inches from the northeast corner of the room. The bottom of the painting is 3 feet, 8 inches off the floor and the painting is level. Directly below the painting is a six-drawer dresser. The north edge of the dresser is 2 feet from the northeast corner of the room. The dresser is 5 feet long, 2 feet, 8 inches high and 1 foot, 8 inches deep. The dresser is composed of wood material in a natural oak color. The six drawers are arranged in two equal columns of three drawers and each drawer is 8 inches high. A number of personal hygiene items (deodorant, cologne, a hair brush, and a pair of nail clippers) are on the top of the dresser. A small statue of a horse is also on the dresser. The horse is roughly centered on the dresser. In the southeast corner of the room, on an angle, is a wicker clothes hamper. The hamper is 1 foot, 6 inches wide, 10 inches deep, and 2 feet, 8 inches high. The hamper is generally centered in the corner and about from both the east and south walls at their closest points.

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