

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Psychological Autopsy
(Outline Guide for the Psychological Reconstruction of an Inmate Suicide)

Inmate Name: _____ Prepared By: _____
ODOC #: _____ Date: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

I. Background Information

Education
Marital/Family Status
Religious Preference/Involvement
Race/Ethnic Background
Offense
Sentence/Time Served
Occupational/Military History
Release Plans

II. Health Care and Personality Description

Physical Status – Functioning
 Previous/Current
Social Status – Functioning
 Previous/Current
Mental Health Status – Functioning
 Previous/Current
Drug/Alcohol Abuse History
Assaultive History
Institutional Infractions

III. Antecedent Circumstances

Identifiable Stressors
Staff Opinions
Inmate Opinions
Last Person to Have Contact
Last Staff to Have Contact

IV. Full Description of Suicide Act and Scene (to include diagrams where appropriate)

Date/Time of Incident
Location
Method
Predictors of Suicidal Actions
Suicide Note
Other Relevant Information

V. Conclusion/Recommendations

VI. List of Documents Examined

VII. List of Staff and Inmates Interviewed