

Digital Evidence Chain of Custody

Track original media, checksums, transfers, and analysis copies.

Case ID / custodian / date

Original file ID / filename / device

Capture date / time zone / clock offset

Checksum algorithm / value

Original read-only storage location

Transfer: from / to / time / purpose

Analysis copy / derivative ID / edits

Access history / integrity verification

Backup location / restrictions

OBSERVE > DOCUMENT > TEST > ANALYZE > ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN > REPORT

Keep originals. Record times, units, uncertainty, contamination, and source references.

E0 Explained | E1 Probably Explained | E2 Insufficient Information | E3 Unresolved | E4 Anomalous

E4 does not automatically establish a paranormal cause. Use continuation sheets if needed.