

# Evidencing Internet Content

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## Example Form

# Original Notes

Internet Investigation Notes					
Rank		Name		No.	
Unit/Station		Phone No.		Date	
Investigation/Operation Name					
Date/Time	Original Notes				
Name (In Capitals):		Signature:		Date/Time:	

# Original Notes

A full record of the Investigators actions must be kept when seeking to evidence information or material from the Internet.

- Notes should be made at time time the evidence is obtained or as soon as practicable after.
- Notes should include;
  - Date and Time of starting the Internet Investigation.
  - A record of each evidencing action.
  - A record of the name of each file created.
  - Date and Time of finishing the Internet Investigation.
  - A record of each MD5 Hash generated for each file created.
  - A record of the Transfer of Data from PC to CD/DVD.
  - A record of each MD5 Hash generated from each file on the CD/DVD.
  - A record of the Exhibit No. given to the CD/DVD.

# Evidencing Data

## Preserving the Evidential Chain

When saving and moving Data the Investigator must ensure the Evidential Chain is preserved.

- This is done with the aid of an **MD5 Hash Extractor**
  - A note is made of every number generated in relation to the files saved.
  - The Files are then copied to a CD/DVD Disk, and the Disk 'finalised' so that the files cannot be added to or deleted.
  - Then each file on the CD/DVD Disk is checked with the MD5 Hash Extractor again, and the resulting numbers noted.
  - The resulting numbers generated should be identical.

The CD/DVD disk should now be sealed in an Evidential Envelope or Bag, or placed in an envelope and sealed with an adhesive Exhibit / Evidence Label.

# Statement

The Investigator's Statement will be compiled from the original notes made at the time of the Investigation.

- The Statement should be considered a method of introducing the Evidence found which should be displayed on a screen or printed for use in the Court.
- The visual impact of evidence being displayed on a screen should not be underestimated.
- Depending on the nature of the evidence, Defendants often plead guilty, rather than have the evidence displayed in Court, particularly when the evidence is of a Violent or Sexual nature.

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