**Expanding to Real Life**

**Background:**

There are many stories in newspapers, magazines and online about people who are using the scientific method to learn about the world and about how law enforcement is using the scientific method to solve crimes. Examples include doctors who are trying to cure diseases, environmentalists who are trying to preserve the earth’s resources, astronomers who are trying to answer questions about the universe and investigators that have solved cold cases or high profile situations.

**Directions:**

Locate an article related to science that you can use to answer the following question: How is the scientific method involved in the pursuit of knowledge or in the solving of the criminal case?

Present a summary of your article to the class. Your presentation should

1. Discuss every step of the scientific method and how it corresponds to how the investigator/scientist is making new discoveries or has solved the case.
2. Explain your own thoughts on the importance of the information and what scientific theories/hypothesis or new technology was used.
3. Meet the minimum and do not exceed the maximum time requirements created by your instructor.

**Assessment:**

The Research Rubric and the Presentation Rubric will be used for assessment.