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Journal article:

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Bibliography

Schultz, John J., and Tosha L. Dupras. 2008. "The Contribution of Forensic Archaeology to Homicide Investigations." *Homicide Studies* 12, no. 4: 399-413.

Book:

Reference

(Cox and Hunter 2005, 97)

Bibliography

Cox, Margaret, and John Hunter. 2005. *Forensic Archaeology: Advances in Theory and Practice*. New York: Routledge.

Chapter/article in a collected volume:

Reference

(Loe 2013, 271)

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Loe, Louise. 2009. "Perimortem Trauma." In *Handbook of Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology*, by Soren Blau and Douglas H Ubelaker, 263-283. Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press.

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