

BRR FIELD TOOL 05 • EDITABLE PDF

Case File + Investigation Record

Known facts on the left. Suspiciously interesting unknowns on the right.

Organize evidence, competing explanations, tests, observations, decisions, and unresolved questions around one focused case.

INVESTIGATION / SET	OWNER / OBSERVER	DATE	VERSION

The 20-point investigation spine

01 Identity + version	02 Question / curiosity	03 Why this matters	04 Background / context
05 Objective	06 Prediction / hypothesis	07 Success / observation criteria	08 Materials + equipment
09 Safety + preparation	10 People + roles	11 Conditions + environment	12 Setup
13 Procedure / path	14 Checkpoints + decisions	15 Observations	16 Measurements + evidence
17 Unexpected findings / deviations	18 Interpretation + findings	19 Follow-up questions	20 Record management / repeat / adapt

FIELD RULE / OBSERVATION ≠ INTERPRETATION. FACTS FIRST. MEANING SECOND.

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01 Case identity

Case name/number, opened date, owner, location, status, and version.

02 Trigger question

What happened, what is unknown, or what needs to be explained?

03 Known facts

Only information currently supported by direct evidence or reliable source material.

04 Unknowns

Questions that remain genuinely unanswered.

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05 Context + timeline

Relevant events, sequence, prior observations, and environmental/context changes.

06 Working explanations

List multiple plausible explanations before testing one favorite into immortality.

07 Evidence inventory

Item/source, date, description, origin, reliability, location, and relationship to the case.

08 Investigation plan

What will be examined, tested, compared, researched, recreated, or observed?

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09 Decision gates

What result would support, weaken, eliminate, or redirect an explanation?

10 Findings log

Record each test/observation and the result before interpretation.

11 Contradictions

Evidence that does not fit the current leading explanation.

12 Unexpected evidence

New information that was not part of the original plan.

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13 Explanation comparison

For each explanation: supporting evidence, conflicting evidence, missing evidence.

14 Current conclusion

Best-supported explanation at this time, plus confidence and limitations.

15 Unresolved questions

What still cannot be explained?

16 Disposition

Closed / monitoring / repeat investigation / escalated / transformed into a new question.

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Related files + storage location

Record related files, photos, samples, links, notes, storage locations, and future review date. The actual archive action happens in My Investigation Archive on the BRR website.

Closeout • evidence quality + next move

91 Evidence strength

Weak / emerging / useful / strong. Identify the strongest evidence and the single thing that would most improve confidence.

92 Repeatability check

Could another person repeat this from the record? What information is still trapped in somebody's head?

93 Unexpected but better

Did any departure from the plan create a better method, clearer result, or more interesting question?

94 Next rabbit hole

What question became more interesting than the original one?

95 Revision history

Version / date / what changed / why / who changed it.