

The following clarification is provided in support of the Hostage Survival Probability Model Survey.

- Agency Name *Identify the handling agency, even if it was not your own.*
- Incident City *Identify the location of the incident, even if it is not the location of the law enforcement agency who had the responsibility for the incident*
- Incident State *Select from the pull-down menu*
- Submitting Officer's Last Name *Last name of the person filling out this form. This will only be used to distinguish multiple entries of the same incident.*
- Incident Date *Select from the pull-down menu*
- Incident Case # *If this case generated a file number or other method of identifying this specific incident, it would be very helpful if the researcher need to follow-up*
- Outcome of the incident *If the hostage taker killed a hostage, please check "Yes."*

Survival Disposition of the Subject

1. Flight – No expressed desire to escape *Did the hostage taker express a desire to escape at any time during the incident?*
2. Control – Subject appears to enjoy the situational control *Did the hostage taker appear to enjoy controlling the situation?*
3. Fear – Subject appears fearless *Did the hostage taker seem fearless or oblivious to any danger?*
4. Doom – Expression of impending doom *Did the hostage taker express any feelings of impending doom or disastrous end to the situation?*
5. Suicidal – Subject has indicated a suicidal tendency *Did the hostage taker express any feelings or disposition to indicate he¹ was contemplating suicide?*

¹ For purposes of simplicity and clarity, the male pronoun is used when identifying hostage takers, however, no further inference should be drawn.

Mental Illness

6. Delusion – Subject displays a level of delusion that impacts reasoning *Were there any indications that the hostage taker was of unsound mind or acting according to an absurd, erroneous belief?*
7. Voices - Subject hears voices guiding their actions *Was there any indication that the hostage taker was experiencing auditory hallucinations or experiencing feelings of mind control?*
8. Severity – On scene judgment re: mental impairment *During the incident, were there any indications that the hostage taker was mentally impaired and/or unable to make rational decisions?*
9. Aggressive – Hostile and provocative behavior toward hostage or police *Did the hostage taker display any belligerent or provocative behavior against either the hostage(s) or the police?*
10. Violence History – Does the subject have a history of violent tendencies *At any time, during or after the incident, was it learned that the hostage taker had a history of violence?*
11. Suicidal History – Has the subject tried to commit suicide previously *At any time, during or after the incident, was it learned that the hostage taker had attempted suicide?*

Subject's Violence Motivation

12. Religious – Is the subject motivated by religious beliefs *At any time, could the hostage taker's actions be interpreted as being motivated by a religious belief?*
13. Criminal – Was the situation that perpetuated the incident a criminal act *Did the hostage taking originate from a criminal act?*
14. Terrorism – Is the subject a terrorist *At any time, during or after the incident, was it discovered that the hostage taking was in furtherance of some act of terrorism?*
15. Revenge – Is the incident predicated on revenge *At any time, during or after the incident, was it learned that the hostage taking was in furtherance of some act of revenge or retaliation?*

Situation Violence

16. Killed Hostage – Has the subject killed a hostage..... *Had the hostage taker killed a person before the arrival of police? Consider any death resulting from this incident, to include accidental, that can be attributed to the actions of the hostage taker.*
17. Verbal Threats – Has the subject made verbal threats to kill the hostage *Did the hostage taker ever express to any authority figure (police, negotiator, etc.) that he would kill a hostage?*

18. Restrained Hostage – Have the hostages been neutralized by restraint devices.....*At any time during the incident were the hostages restrained by any device?
e.g.
handcuffs,
duct tape,
wire ties,
cords,
ropes, etc.*
19. Hostage Bravado – Hostage demonstrating a threat to the subject*At any time after taking hostages, did a hostage demonstrate a threat to the subject? Include any action which could be perceived as a threat by the hostage taker.*
20. Calming Force – A calming force is involved in the situation*At any time during the incident were calming forces effective, even if only briefly? That is; were any factors present that seemed to reduce the risk to hostages and/or facilitate a peaceful resolution whether or not that was the ultimate outcome?*

Situational Demography

21. Subject's Ethnicity *Was the hostage taker a Caucasian (white) or some other race?*
22. Primary Subject's Gender *Self-explanatory*
23. Hostage Gender *Self-explanatory*
24. Subject's Age (Age in Years) *Provide the hostage taker's age in years.*
25. Subject's Intellect Level *Were there any indications that the hostage taker was immature or irrational?*

26. Ex-Con – Has the subject ever spent time spent in prison *Was it ever learned, during or after the incident, that the hostage taker had been in prison?*

27. Gang Member – Is the subject a member of a street or prison gang.....*Was it ever learned, during or after the incident, that the hostage taker was a member of a street or prison gang?*

Participant Relation

28. Co-Worker *Was any hostage ever a co-worker of the hostage taker?*

29. Family *Was any hostage a family member of the hostage taker?*

30. Enemy *Could any hostage be considered an enemy of the hostage taker?*

31. Authority Figure – Is the hostage an authority figure to the subject*Could any hostage be ever be considered an authority figure to the hostage taker? e.g. parent, supervisor, manager, employer, etc.*

32. Stranger – The hostage is a stranger to the subject *Were all hostages strangers to the hostage taker?*

Cognitive Impairment

33. Drugs – Is the subject under the influence of drugs *Was it ever learned, during or after the incident, that the hostage taker was under the influence of any drug?*

34. Alcohol – Is the subject under the influence of alcohol *Was it ever learned, during or after the incident, that the hostage taker was under the influence of alcohol?*

35. Maturity – Does the subject’s maturity level influence their ability to be rational..... *Were there any indications that the hostage taker was immature or had inadequate thinking?*

36. Disorganized Speech – Is impairment affecting speech ability *Were there any indications that the hostage taker had a speech impediment sufficient enough to affect his ability to communicate effectively?*

Situational Specifics

37. Separation of Hostages – Have the hostages been separated by the subject *Did the hostage taker ever separate the hostages for any reason? That is; by race, sex, religion, or other criteria?*

38. Location Type –Was the hostage relocated to prevent escape..... *At any time during the incident, did the hostage taker move a hostage in an apparent attempt to prevent escape or facilitate watching them?*

39. Incident duration – Duration of the incident at its conclusion in hours *Provide the duration of the incident to the nearest full hour.*

40. Stalls for Time – Is the subject stalling for time *Were there any indications that the hostage taker was stalling for time? e.g. Procrastinating, using delaying tactics or intentionally postponing actions.*

41. Subject Calls Friends/Relatives during the incident *At any time, during or after the incident, was it discovered that the hostage taker had called friends, relatives, co-workers or others not involved in the incident?*

Negotiation Effectiveness

42. Dehumanize Hostage – Subject values the life of the hostage(s)..... *At any time during the incident did the hostage taker indicate that a hostage's life was of little value? That is; one who, for whatever reason, was of less value than any other.*

43. Absence of Empathy – Subject displays empathy for the hostage *At any time during the incident did the hostage taker show compassion or kindness toward a hostage?*

44. Personalize Situation – Subject rejected efforts to personalize the situation *Did the hostage taker demonstrate or express disdain, contempt or frustration in attempting to establish meaningful dialogue with a negotiator?*

45. Lessen Tension – Subject rejected efforts lesson the tension *At any time during the incident did the hostage taker make any attempt to reduce the feelings of stress or tension with either the hostages or authorities?*