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Title of Document: ASB Standard 135, Scene Detection and Processing in Forensic Anthropology

#	Section	Type of Comment	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Final Resolution
1	4.2.4	E	The words "relevant" and "material" have specific legal meanings that makes the phrase "relevant material" inappropriate in the sentence "Relevant material evidence should be documented. Potentially informative material evidence may include personal effects such as ID cards or jewelry."	Substitute "Potentially informative items or conditions should be documented. These would include include personal effects such as ID cards or jewelry."	Accept with modification: Last two sentences of the second paragraph were updated to read: "Potentially informative items or conditions, such as identification cards or jewelry, should be documented."
2	4.3	E	The following admonition is well taken: "Context is altered or destroyed during the process of recovery, therefore care shall be taken to document and preserve the scene in keeping with appropriate archaeological and forensic evidence preservation practices and in coordination with the agency in charge." The value of the standard would be enhanced if a citation to a statement somewhere in the literature of "appropriate practices" were added.	Add a citation to an authoritative source that presents the "appropriate practices." (Also, the sentence is a run-on sentence. We suggest replacing the comma with a semicolon or breaking it into two sentences.)	Reject with modification. Sentence structure modified to: "Context is altered or destroyed during the process of recovery. Therefore care shall be taken to document and preserve the scene in keeping with appropriate archaeological and forensic evidence preservation practices and in coordination with the agency in charge."