

## Project Profile

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### Project Profile - Commercial Biohazard Decontamination – Murder/Suicide

<b>Client:</b>	Cousins Properties Inc.
<b>Month/Year, Project Type, Environment, Location &amp; Project Manager:</b>	Apr. 2008 – Biohazard Decontamination /Trauma Scene Clean-up Premier Class A High-rise Office Building John Chapman, Estimator & Project Mgr., FCR
<b>Client or Location Profile:</b>	<b>Bank of America Plaza</b> , a 55-story (1,024 ft.) skyscraper located in between Midtown and Downtown Atlanta is the 87th-tallest building in the world and 10th tallest building in the U.S. Completed in 1992, it was built in only 14 months, under one of the fastest construction schedules for any 1,000 ft. building in the U.S. Located on Peachtree Street on 3.7 acres, the tower uniquely sits at 45-degree angles to the surrounding streets and structures. The 90 ft. spire at the top of the building, which echoes the building shape, is covered in 23-karat gold leaf
<b>General Scope:</b>	Emergency Mitigation & Hazardous-Material Recovery, Clean-up, Collection and Decontamination
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$2,000
<b>FCR's Fees:</b>	\$2,000
<b>FCR's Role:</b>	Emergency Mitigation, Decontamination, Cleaning & Hazardous Material Collection/Transport/Storage
<b>Description &amp; Origin:</b>	<p>On Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, around 3:30 p.m. in Midtown Atlanta, outside the Bank of America Plaza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Victim:</b> A 25-year old female of Alpharetta, a secretary at the 270-member law firm Paul, Hastings, Janofsky &amp; Walker, was held down, shot 3 times &amp; killed</li> <li>• <b>Assailant:</b> 30-year old Jermaine Acevedo, of Snellville, was a temporary worker in the firm's records department</li> <li>• The result of a verbal argument turned physical.</li> <li>• Acevedo held the victim down and shot her before shooting himself</li> <li>• The Bank of America building was placed on lockdown for almost two-hours after the incident.</li> <li>• Police began to let employees leave the building around 5 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Affected Area:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside Courtyard – Picnic Area</li> </ul>



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### Equipment & Protocol:

- Proper protocol and decontamination procedures were practiced & appropriate personal protective equipment utilized on this project including:
  - Tyvek Suit & Booties
  - Double Layer of Nitrile Gloves
  - Full Face Shield & N-95 Mask
- After the authorities released the scene, PPE was donned, an absorbent containment-barrier established around the area where a majority of bodily fluids/matter remained
- Remaining matter & fluids were collected using approved absorbent materials
- All porous materials, including concrete, natural & man-made stone, in which bodily fluids came into contact with, were treated with an industry accepted and approved isopropanol-based sporicidal disinfectant
- No demolition of natural stone products, grout or concrete was deemed necessary after peroxide treatment and testing completed
- Once clearance testing proved within acceptable limits extensive pressure washing was performed across a general area & determined that no sealing of stone or concrete was necessary

### Hazardous Material Disposal:

- Affected materials being removed were sealed in specially marked Bio-Hazard bags
- Bags were placed in specially marked boxes away from all other materials, humans, & animals
- Boxes were removed from a controlled/refrigerated storage area & picked up by one of our pre-approved disposal vendors, in this case Stericycle, Inc., with proper manifest documentation in place
- Waste was taken away under approved US Department of Transportation (DOT) standards & delivered to an approved location to be incinerated

### Results:

The area was put back in service relatively quickly that evening after authorities released the crime-scene. The hazardous material was successfully collected, the affected area effectively decontaminated and the reclaimed material properly disposed of

### Key Contact:

Michael Hoffer, Retired - Senior Property Manager, Bank of America Plaza (2002-2010), Cousins Properties

