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Author of the thesis. Title of thesis [Type of thesis]. City name: University name; Year. [Date of access]. Available link

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Tynan T. Medical improvements lower homicide rate: study sees drop in assault rate. *The Washington Post.* 2002 Aug 12;Sect. A:2 (col. 4).

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eatright.org [Internet]. Chicago: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; c2016 [cited 2016 Dec 27]. Available from: <https://www.eatright.org/>.

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