Thank you for calling to find out more about our research study. My name is Jim Jones and I am a researcher at Binghamton University. The purpose of this research study is to look at the relationship between depression and threats of terrorism. Specifically, we want to determine whether individuals who are now depressed have had stronger reactions to the recent terrorist activities in the U.S., as compared to adults who are not now depressed, but were seriously depressed at some time in the past.

NOTE: The word research should be included in the script.
Name of contact person is needed.
Brief description of purpose of parent study should be provided.

As part of our formal study, we will be asking people to complete a series of questionnaires and interviews about their mood state, their levels of self esteem, the kinds of problems they experienced growing up, and the like. We will also collect a small sample of blood to measure chemical markers of stress. Do you think you might be interested in participating in that study?

NOTE: Brief description of the purpose of the study should be provided. Subjects should be asked if they may be interested in participating in the study.

(If No): Thank you very much for calling.

(If Yes): But before enrolling people in the study, we need to determine if they are eligible. And so what I would now like to do is ask you a series of questions about your current and past mood state.

NOTE: Purpose and nature of current screening process should be described.

There is a possibility that some of these questions may make you uncomfortable or distressed; if so please let me know.

NOTE: Potential risks should be mentioned.

You don’t have to answer those questions if you don’t want to. You also need to understand that all information that I receive from you by phone, including your name and any other identifying information (if applicable), will be strictly confidential and will be kept under lock and key.

NOTE: Script should state how confidentiality will be maintained. If name is recorded, that must be mentioned.

The purpose of these questions is only to determine whether you are eligible for our larger study. Remember, your participation is voluntary; you do not have to complete these questions.

NOTE: Statement is needed indicating that participation is voluntary and the subject can refuse to answer any question or withdraw at any time.

Do I have your permission to ask you these questions?

NOTE: Subjects should be asked explicitly by the screener for participant’s permission to ask the following questions.