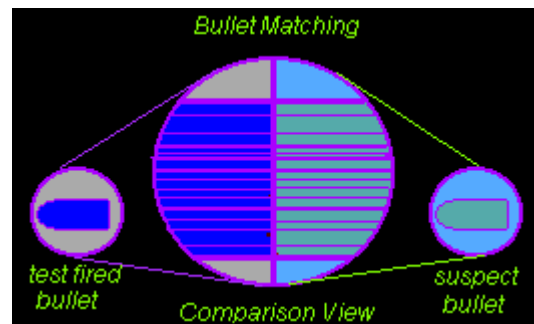


What is Forensic Science?

Some people don't know what forensic science is? So how can they explain when the authorities can tell when a person denies they killed someone? Or how can they explain when authorities demonstrate how an accident scene happened? That is what forensic science helps us out.

Forensic Science is the study of science when relating to the law. Forensic science does involve some disciplines. Some are firearms and toolmark identification, forensic photography, Crime scene processing, and much more. There are also many branches of which you can make a career of. In this paper I will inform you on the basics of forensic science.

The identification of weapons has more to do than guns. It may seem easy to you when you see on a TV show that authorities say "He shot him with this gun"- and they hold out the gun for you to see. Let me tell you it's not. Have you thought of the process they took to find that out? Identifying firearm involves "matching the bullet to the gun that fired it, to the exclusion of all others." You must find something that no other gun has, something unique to that gun.



Each gun has a unique way of firing so they take

it to the lab and there they shoot the “suspect weapon” and under a microscope, they compare the bullet with the one from the scene.

Forensic photography has to do with many techniques. For example, you would want to take photographs because it is one way to have a permanent record of the crime scene. You would want to take pictures of where the scene is located. You would also want pictures of the evidence and it is recommended that you take pictures with some sort of ruler or scale to show the length/weight of the evidence. Some evidence or objects need to be photographed individually, some as a series or a group. For example, if the scene has a body and the body has bite marks, it would be helpful if you would take a close-up of the bitemarks. If the marks

were on the victims’ arm, you might want one showing the part of the arm with the bite marks.

There are other things that help in crime scene investigation, for example, DNA. Authorities can now track down a person with just one hair from your head. They can use your saliva, too. One big thing is your fingerprints.

You would be amazed with how many things the FBI and other forensic organizations can do now to catch criminals!

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