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Can you believe it is October already? Where has the year gone? The weather has turned rainy; the leaves are red and falling to the ground. The first signs of the approaching holiday season are appearing in the stores, but my personal favorite sign of fall is football season!

At the end of September the board met in Walla Walla, Washington. We had lunch and toured the Marcus-Whitman Hotel. I can not tell you how excited I am for the up coming conference. The food is wonderful and the hotel is beautiful. You will not be disappointed. Please take a minute and check out their website [www.marcuswhitmanhotel.com](http://www.marcuswhitmanhotel.com). I know that many agencies are feeling the financial crunch of budget cuts but I truly hope to see as many of you as possible. Everyone on the board is working their hardest to create an exciting and educational conference experience that you will remember. I will have more details to share soon – so keep your eye out!

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*A Way to Find Hidden Fingerprints*

**Scientists Have Developed Better Way to Identify Fingerprints on Bullets and Fragments of Explosives**

By BRITTANY SAUSER

Sept. 6, 2008

Fingerprints are crucial evidence in many criminal investigations because they can tie a suspect to the scene of a crime with almost indisputable accuracy. Now crime-scene investigators have a new technique for finding fingerprints left on metals, like the cartridge from a spent bullet or fragments of an improvised explosive device, even if the perpetrator tries to wash the evidence clean.

Forensic scientist John Bond of the Northamptonshire Police, in the United Kingdom, developed the technique after discovering that certain metals, including copper and brass, corrode very slightly when touched, leaving behind a faint but indelible fingerprint. Already, the technique has been used to provide fingerprints in a nine-year-old double-homicide case in Kingsland, GA, after conventional fingerprinting methods were unable to identify any prints on a shell casing, says Bond.

Traditional fingerprinting techniques involve triggering a physical or chemical reaction

with the deposits left behind by a finger to make a print visible. If these deposits are removed, the techniques will fail. This seriously limits what forensic scientists can do to identify fingerprints in spent cartridge cases and at arson scenes where normal prints have been removed, says Hazel Johnson, a specialist advisor at the Forensic Science Service, based in Birmingham, in the U.K. "We will look at the metals under a laser for potential fingerprints, but rarely is the technique able to spot the print," she says.

The new technique makes use of a physical change that occurs to metal when a person touches it. This is due to the salt in human sweat: ionic salt molecules present in the fingerprint residue corrode the metal surface to produce an image that can only be removed by abrasive cleaning of the metal. Bond, also a fellow at the University of Leicester, in the U.K., found that the fingerprint can be made visible by applying a voltage to the metal and coating it in a metallic powder.

"The advantage of the new technique is its permanence," says Ron Singer, crime-laboratory director for the Tarrant County  
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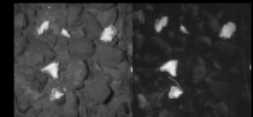
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**MEET YOUR NEW PNWD/IAI  
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**Bridget Kinney  
Criminalist II / Latent Examiner  
Crime Lab / Criminal Investigation  
Division  
Boise Police Department**

I graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1994. I began my employment with the Boise Police Department in September 1995, in the Telephone Report Unit. A full-time position was created to assist both the Crime Lab and Victim-Witness units in 1998, which I applied for and filled. Shortly after, it was determined both units required full-time assistance, and in 1999 I was asked which area I would prefer to remain. I chose the area which interested me the most, which was the Crime Lab (of course).

In February 2000, I was advised the Crime Lab Technician position (now titled Criminalist) would be vacated shortly, and I applied for that position. I was chosen to fill the Crime Lab Technician position that same month. I worked in the Crime Lab in that capacity until September 2004, when I had a child and did not wish to be called night or day to crime scenes. I therefore transferred to the Miller Street Substation civilian position where I was able to maintain a routine work schedule.

In June 2006, I was encouraged to return to the Crime Lab. I applied for the Criminalist II position (as it is now titled), and was chosen to fill the position. I have worked in the Criminalist II capacity since that time, and having a BLAST!



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South Carolina Sheriff's Association, Columbia, SC  
Debbie Benningfield and Charles Richardson  
December 1 - 5, 2008
- Course Title      **Fundamentals of Crime Scene Investigation and Evidence Collection**  
Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi  
John Black  
December 8 - 12, 2008
- Course Title      **IAI Latent Print Certification Test Preparation Course**  
Kansas City, MO. Regional Police Academy  
Debbie Benningfield and Charles Richardson  
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- Course Title      **Finding Latent Print Evidence with Chemistry and Light**  
Frisco Police Department, Frisco, TX (Dallas suburb)  
Brian Dalrymple  
January 6 - 9, 2009
- Course Title      **Forensic Examination of Violent Crime Scenes**  
Humble Texas Police Department, Humble, TX  
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Chula Vista Police Department, Chula Vista, CA  
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January 20 - 22, 2009
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Arlington Police Academy, Arlington, TX  
John Black  
February 3 - 5, 2009
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Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy, Austin, TX  
Ron Smith  
February 4 - 6, 2009
- Course Title      **IAI Latent Print Certification Test Preparation Course**  
Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Brooksville, FL  
Debbie Benningfield and Charles Richardson  
February 9 - 13, 2009
- Course Title      **Finding Latent Print Evidence with Chemistry and Light**  
Henderson Police Department, Henderson, NV  
Brian Dalrymple  
February 17 - 20, 2009

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Medical Examiner Crime Lab, in Fort Worth, TX. "It is looking for the minute amount of etching that takes place in the metal--the physical change that has occurred to the surface." Singer says that the technique could prove more resilient than conventional methods. "If you don't get it right the first time, you can do it again," he adds.

Once the University of Leicester scientists knew that fingerprints could corrode metal, they applied a very large electrical charge--2,500 volts--to the corroded area. They then applied to the metal a very fine, black conducting powder similar to photocopier toner, which adhered to the areas of corrosion. "You could see the outline of the fingerprint in the black powder, thereby rendering the fingerprint visible," says Bond.

Johnson thinks that the technique is exciting but warns that the surface area of cartridges is so small that the entire print may not be obtained. "One of the major issues in fingerprint analysis is how much of the print is necessary before you can reliably say it is someone's fingerprint," says Singer. In general, though, Singer is impressed with

Bond's research. "The more methods we have to develop invisible fingerprints, the better off we are."

Bond says that the technique has been extensively tested in the lab and will be applied in more cases in both the United States and the United Kingdom. Furthermore, he has been in contact with the U.S. military, which is eager to use the technology for roadside bombs or improvised explosive devices. "Traditional bomb-making metals are ones like copper, which we know corrode with fingerprints," says Bond. "The fingerprint on metal from an exploded bomb should work the same way it does on a bullet with a fingerprint."

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## **FORENSIC WEBSITES**

[www.csigizmos.com](http://www.csigizmos.com)

[www.clpex.com](http://www.clpex.com)

[www.iacis.info](http://www.iacis.info)

[www.onin.com](http://www.onin.com)

[www.usdoj.gov/oig/special/s0601/PDF\\_list.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/special/s0601/PDF_list.htm)

[www.swgfast.org](http://www.swgfast.org)

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**Digital Video and Adobe Photoshop**  
San Francisco, CA through Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department and Pittsburg Police Department

This class provides an understanding of the tools available for the recovery, analysis, and enhancement of digital video as well as an understanding of the capabilities of Adobe Photoshop CS3 for clarifying video images from Digital Video Security Systems.

**November 18-20, 2008**

**Forensic Video Analysis - Level 1**  
Bakersfield, CA through Bakersfield Police Department

This class introduces the technologies of analog and digital video evidence and the available tools for analyzing and producing derivative evidence. This class will provide an opportunity for the student to work with a variety of Forensic Video Analysis software and hardware programs. Those students new to Forensic Video Analysis as well as those looking for an update of digital video technologies and the tools available for analysis will benefit from this class.

**March 2-6th, 2008**

**Crime Scene Reconstruction II**  
Eugene, OR

This four-day workshop, Crime Scene Reconstruction II, is taught by Tom Bevel and Ross Gardner. A review of basic crime scene reconstruction techniques including Event Analysis and Flow Charting. Additional areas of study include: Developing a complete reconstruction of an actual case, and writing a formal reconstruction report. Court presentation methods to include:

3-D scene diagramming using Poser 4 to depict human forms and their positions as well as the use of PowerPoint in court. The student will use both PowerPoint and Poser in the Mock Trial.

For more information, click call Lisa Pope at (541)-682-2802.

**March 30 - April 3, 2009**

**Bloodstain Pattern Analysis**

Canyon County, (Idaho) Sherrif's Office

Course Purpose and Objectives

This comprehensive 40-hour basic bloodstain pattern course will:

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- Provide the student with a fundamental working knowledge of bloodstain pattern analysis for crime scene reconstruction.
- Appeal to law enforcement, criminal investigators, forensic scientists, specialists and technicians, death investigators, prosecutors and criminal attorneys, and others involved in criminal investigations and crime scene reconstruction.
- Enable participants to identify, examine, document, interpret and preserve bloodstain evidence at crime scenes.

Course Description The basic bloodstain class is held over five consecutive days, and the student will learn:

- Flight Characteristics of Blood and Specific Bloodstain Patterns.
- Examination, Interpretation, and Documentation of Bloodstain Evidence.
- Relationship of stains and patterns to wounds and the scene.
- Serological/DNA considerations.

For more information visit

[www.ChristmanForensics.com](http://www.ChristmanForensics.com).

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**May 14-15th, 2009**  
**Analysis of Distortion**  
Spokane, WA

This two-day workshop focuses on the analysis of the ACE-V methodology as it pertains to distortion created by movement of the friction ridge skin when it touches a surface.

All impressions of the friction ridge skin bear distortion. Each time the skin contacts a surface, pressure and movement cause the skin to stretch and compress in response. Each touch is different and distorts the skin in its own way, creating variation in appearance among impressions of the same area of friction ridge skin. How do pressure and movement affect the appearance of the skin? What are the clues that allow a trained scientist to explain variation in appearance by reconstructing the touch? How should this be documented?

For more information call Deputy Dave Ellis at (509) 477-3290.

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MEMBERS [Article II, Sec. 1.]: The annual dues shall be \$25.00 payable in advance, on the first day of January of each and every year. [Article II, Sec. 4.] A member who is delinquent as of May 1<sup>st</sup> in the payment of dues as of the opening of the annual general membership business meeting is not deemed in good standing.

NEW APPLICANTS [Article II, Sec. 2.]: Dues paid to the association between January 1 and September 30 shall be applied to the dues for that calendar year only; dues paid between September 30 and December 31 shall apply to the following calendar year.

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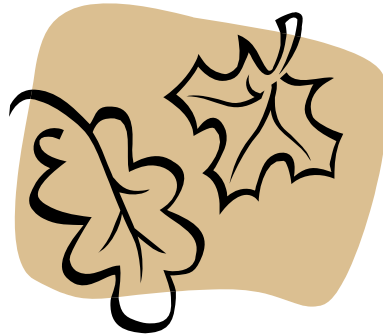
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Thanks, in advance, for making the Pacific Northwest Division one of the best Divisions in the World, Linda Grass, [jakegrass@aol.com](mailto:jakegrass@aol.com)

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