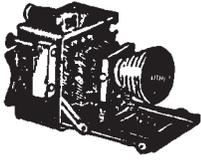




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White collar crimes burnt by extreme fingerprinting

By Kathryn Edwards, Computerworld Australia, 03/23/2009

Corporate crime scenes could be cleaned up in minutes, not hours, thanks to locally developed technology that uses extreme heat to reveal fingerprints.

The world first system, developed by two honours students from the University of Technology, Sydney, uses short bursts of extreme heat to uncover fingerprints on paper documents, removing the need for laborious testing with toxic chemicals.

The students, Adam Brown and Daniel Sommerville, said the technology could be used in portable fingerprint imaging devices directly at the crime scene.

UTS science faculty senior lecturer Dr Brian Reedy, who oversaw the project, said the technology can process many more documents than is possible using chemical solutions.

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“Nobody wants to sort through hundreds of pages of documents to find fingerprints; it’s just not worth their time. But if they had a mobile device where they could simply throw documents through, similar to a photocopier, then many more results would be produced,” Dr Reedy said.

“If you heat the fingerprint for more than a few seconds you get a scorch mark, which is actually the fingerprint. You can improve the contrast of the scorch mark by placing it under an Ultraviolet light.”

“The safety requirements for using standard practice chemicals in police labs has made the process very expensive,” he said, adding the existing fingerprinting technology is also labour intensive and time consuming.

Brown and Sommerville discovered the technique by accident when researching new reagents to produce colour fingerprints.

Fingerprints are revealed by exposing paper to bursts of heat up to 300 degrees Celsius for 10 to 20 seconds, with development taking between 5 and 20 seconds.

Reedy said the process is comparable to using a blowtorch, adding “you could almost do this at home with a toaster”.

A patent application has been lodged and Foster & Freeman, a company that develops scientific instruments for police and forensic laboratories worldwide, has purchased the license.

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Cracking Cold Cases With New Fingerprinting Technique

(Article was published by CNN, on April 15, 2009 with Melissa Gray reporting and Ashley Broughton contributing)

It was early one Sunday morning when the killer rang at a front door that was decorated with a wreath for Christmas.

When his victim answered, he fired four fatal shots, ran off and disappeared.

Police hope the new fingerprinting technique could help detectives find new clues on murder weapons.

The unsolved murder of Marianne Wilkinson, 68, in a town near Dallas, Texas, in December 2007 has left investigators with few clues and few leads. They recovered the gun used in the crime a few months later, but the gunman's identity -- and his motive -- remain a mystery.

Now, a groundbreaking technique developed across the Atlantic Ocean in Britain may help Texas police and others to crack cold cases like this.

The technique enables scientists to detect fingerprints on spent bullets and shell casings, even when the print had been wiped off. It works by detecting the minute corrosion of metal caused by sweat, which corrodes the metal in the shape of the fingerprint.

"That sweat is in the pattern of the original fingerprint that was deposited," said John Bond, a forensic scientist for England's Northamptonshire Police and a researcher at the University of Leicester, who developed the technique.

The corrosion is often impossible to see with the naked eye because it's so small -- as small as a micron, which is a millionth of a meter, Bond said.

His method involves dusting the metal with a fine black powder that adheres to the corroded areas, allowing scientists to see the fingerprint.

A detective from the police department in North Richland Hills, Texas, where Wilkinson lived in a gabled home with her husband, went to meet Bond late last year, Bond and the department said.

Bond was able to obtain a print from the shell casings in the Wilkinson case, meaning police could be able to discern who loaded the gun, if they can find a match, North Richland Hills Police Investigator Larry Irving told CNN.

Police are optimistic Bond's technique will bring them another step closer to solving the case.

"Prior to (the detective) coming over, and one of the reasons he came over, is they had little or no forensic evidence for this murder," Bond said. "So my own feeling would be that finding fingerprints would be significant."

Investigators believe Wilkinson may have been the victim of mistaken identity, according to a profile of the case posted on the Web site for the television show "America's Most Wanted," which featured the case.

A neighbor whose address is very similar to Wilkinson's told police she had recently gone through a bitter divorce, and that she and her ex-husband had an ongoing business dispute, according to the Web site.

Large amounts of money were at stake, the show said, and the woman believed she was the intended target.

Investigators traced the gun's history to a man who is now deceased and, authorities believe, had no connection to the slaying, according to the television show's Web site. Police believe the gun has changed hands several times since then and are still seeking information on its latest owners.

The bullet fingerprinting technique won't necessarily solve crimes like the Wilkinson case but could unearth new clues, Bond said.

"It's helping police get evidence they didn't have before," he said. "It's simply a new line of inquiry and can be especially valuable with cold cases."

In September, Bond found fingerprints on a shell casing from another murder case -- a 1999 double homicide in Kingsland, Georgia.

In that case, the suspect or suspects entered a Title Pawn business downtown, shot and killed the two employees and stole a small amount of money, said Kingsland police lieutenant Todd Tetterton.

Police assigned a full-time cold case detective, Christopher King, to the case because of "some things that had changed." The department read about Bond's

technique in a magazine article and contacted him to see if he could help, he said.

“We were interested in trying anything we could,” Tetterton said.

Four shell casings had been found at the crime scene, but fingerprint testing using traditional techniques didn't reveal anything of use. Bond was able to find fingerprint ridges on three of the four casings, and one of them yielded enough ridge detail to possibly provide an identification, a University of Leicester statement said, quoting King.

Tetterton would only say that more than one shell casing was found at the scene, and said Bond was able to get results for detectives. He declined to say more, citing the ongoing investigation.

“The results are surprising,” the university statement quoted King as saying. “I feel very optimistic. These results are better than I had expected and better than I hoped for.”

Bond doesn't advertise his services, which he performs free of charge.

“All of the inquiries we've had from the U.S. police forces have all been initiated by them,” he told CNN. “We never say no, so anybody who says, ‘I've got some shell casings, we have some over 30 years old’ -- we always say send them and we'll have a look.”

Bond says he tries to know as little about a case as possible before he looks for fingerprints, so no one can accuse him later of looking for something specific.

In one case, he said, he found a partial print on a shell casing sent in by police in Boulder, Colorado. The detective told him it was a fingerprint they expected him to find.

“That was confirmation for me” that the technique worked, Bond said.

The technique won't work, however, if a person has just washed their hands or put on gloves before loading a gun. But Bond said that's not too much of a concern. “Because of the nature of who these people are and the

nature of what they're committing, personal hygiene is not foremost in their mind when they're doing this,” Bond said. “It's also the heat of the moment. They might be sweating, perspiring, because you know you're going to go out and break the law.”

Editor's Comment: SCAFO is pleased to announce that Dr. Bond will be speaking at it's Annual Training Seminar Oct 2 and 3, 2009

President's Message

Greetings to all SCAFO members and readers of The Print,

For those of you who missed the April 4th meeting, it must be said that you not only missed a great presenter, but great food. At the time of the booking of Dick Rogers for the April 4th meeting, he was the Western Territory Sales Representative for Forensics Source; now, the company name has been changed to SAFARILAND, and he is their Account Manager.

In his presentation, he demonstrated a new ladder that collapses nicely and can be easily stored in the trunk of your vehicle. The lengths range from 6 feet to 10 feet, and it is the dream ladder for any Forensic Technician that has to climb up into a crawl space that has limited access. He also demonstrated a new handheld illuminated magnifier, which received many “ooooohs” and “ahhhh-hhhhs”—definitely a fingerprint examiner's dream tool! There were several other interesting and useful items as well, but those will be kept secret since he will be showing them again at our October SCAFO conference.

Please be sure to attend the conference and explore these great new items for yourself. All in all, the meeting was a success and I extend my sincere appreciation to those who contributed to make it such a success. Please keep the following in mind as we try and get through this challenging economic crisis: the duties you perform in your field are something to be very proud of...take nothing for granted. Try to be resourceful in your duties but do not cut corners excessively just to save a buck. We still want to provide the best services we can to those communities we serve. Hang in there; things are bound to get better in time as we weather this storm together. Hope to see you all at the June meeting!

Sincerely,

Amy Hines
SCAFO President

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THIS YEAR SCAFO IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING GUEST SPEAKERS:

**DR. JOHN W. BOND, FORENSIC RESEARCH SCIENTIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT MANAGER AT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE, U.K.
"REVOLUTIONARY TECHNIQUE FOR OBTAINING LATENT PRINTS FROM BULLETS, CASINGS AND BOMBS"
LECTURE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

**GIL CARRILLO, LIEUTENANT, HOMICIDE BUREAU, LASD
"OVERVIEW OF A SERIAL KILLER – THE NIGHT STALKER CASE"
LECTURE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**

**MICHAEL STAPLETON, SPECIAL AGENT, FBI (RETIRED)
"A BLAST FROM THE PAST – FBI DISASTER TEAM AT 1980 MT. SAINT HELEN'S VOLCANIC ERUPTION"
LECTURE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

**WILLIAM (BILL) LEO, MS, CLPE, LEAD INSTRUCTOR & TRAINING COORDINATOR, LATENT PRINT SECTION, LASD
"REVIEW OF THE NAS REPORT ON FORENSIC SCIENCE AND IT'S EFFECT ON FRICTION RIDGE IDENTIFICATION"
LECTURE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

NOTE: SCAFO IS IN THE PROCESS OF CONFIRMING ADDITIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THE SEMINAR. AS SOON AS THE LIST OF SPEAKERS IS COMPLETED AND TOPICS ARE CONFIRMED, AN UPDATED FLIER WILL BECOME AVAILABLE.

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: February 7, 2009
LOCATION: Moby Dick's, Santa Barbara
HOST: Larry Rodriguez
SECRETARY: Teri Eklund
PROGRAM: Davidson Homicides - Sgt. Henebry, SBSB
CALL TO ORDER: General meeting, 1330 hours by President Amy Hines
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Susan Garcia
ATTENDANCE:

PAST PRESIDENTS: Bob Goss (2001); Susan Garcia (2006); Craig Johnson (2007); Marvin Spreyne (2008)

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EXECUTIVE BOARD Absent: Teri Eklund and Bill Leo

Members and guests present: 55

OLD BUSINESS:

Second Readings:

Robby Sinick Segalit Oz Mireya Cervantes
Motion to Accept: Marvin Spreyne, second by Bob Goss

Swear Ins: by Past President Bob Goss (2001)

Tony Nguyen of Pomona Police Dept.
Johnna Butcher of Orange County Sheriffs Dept.

OTHER: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Readings:

Michael Ullemeyer of Santa Barbara Police Dept
Recommended by: Bob Spinner of Santa Barbara Police Dept.
John Froelicher of Santa Barbara County Sheriff .
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Yvonne T. Sanchez of Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.
Recommended by: Cynthia Fortier of Los Angeles Sheriffs Dept.

Mike Schwab of Santa Barbara Police Dept.
Recommended by: Bob Spinner of Santa Barbara Police Dept.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2009 Annual Training Seminar will be held at the Burbank Holiday Inn Media Center, Oct. 2nd and 3rd. The room rate is still being discussed but hope to be around \$50.00 a night. If anyone has speakers in mind please contact any board member with a name.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING of \$25.00 won by:

Debbie Pearson

DOOR PRIZES:

Provided by SCAFO and board members

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by: Cynthia Fortier
Second: Jeannine Cascadden

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1358 hours

AUGUST 8, 2009

SCAFO TRAINING MEETING

SOUTH COAST WINERY RESTAURANT

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Host: Mark Waldo
additional info forthcoming

Editors Comment: Steve Tillmann, Past President (2002) and previous Editor of The Print has been a great mentor to me in guiding me through the process of being the new editor of The Print. Many thanks Steve!

GOT SCAFO DUES?

2009 Dues are past due

Contact Teri Eklund, Secretary

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MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING

DATE: April 4, 2009
LOCATION: Eagle Glen Golf Club Corona
HOST: Amy Hines and Rebekah Ford
SECRETARY: Teri Eklund
PROGRAM: New Stuff from Forensic Source
CALL TO ORDER: General meeting, 1800 hours by President Amy Hines
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Bob Goss
ATTENDANCE:

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EXECUTIVE BOARD Absent: Parlimentarian, Craig Johnson.;1st Vice President Mari Johnson; 2nd Vice President Debbie Stivers; Director Larry Rodriguez

Members and guests present: 48

OLD BUSINESS:

Second Readings:

Adrianna Arroyo, Yvonne Sanchez, Alberto Solis

Motion to Accept: Steve Tillmann, second by Cindee Lozano

Swear Ins: by 1996 Past President Bill Leo

Stephanie Camarillo of LA County Sheriff
Segalit Oz of Beverly Hills PD

OTHER: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Readings: None

Other: None

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2009 Annual Training Seminar will be held at the Burbank Holiday Inn Media Center, Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

Next meeting scheduled for June 6th the Jagerhaus, in Anaheim

ATTENDANCE DRAWING of \$25.00 won by Cindee Lozano

DOOR PRIZES:

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by: Marvin Spreyne
Second: Lisa Jackson

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1900 hours

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

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South Coast Winery Restaurant,

August 16-22, 2009

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October 2-3, 2009

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