An Interagency approach to Crime Scenes

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Locards Principle

“Wherever he steps, whatever he touches, even unconsciously, will serve as a silent witness against him”

EVERY CONTACT LEAVES A TRACE...
Injured Party

Scene  ←  Suspect
Process of Scene Examination

- Preserve / Protect Life then Property
- Preserve the Scene
- Examine the Scene
CONTAMINATION

- Video / Photography
- Trace Evidence
- Fingerprints
- Cartography
- Reconstruct the Scene/Interpret Evidence
Collectable Evidence

- Fingerprints
- Shoeprints
- Blood
- Hair
- Saliva
- Clothing/Textile Fibres
- Tool Marks
- Firearms Evidence
- Trace Evidence
- DNA
- Documents
Case Study 1

MURDER SCENE
Case Study 2

- FATAL

Road Traffic Accident
Do one brave thing today... then run like hell!

Thank You!