



Unit 3 Learning Objectives:

Trace Evidence: Fingerprints, Hairs and Fibers

**I. Objectives: (15%) Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. List the 3 basic properties that allows for individual identification by fingerprints.

2. Identify the 3 major fingerprint patterns (**Loops**, **whorls**, and **arches**) and the frequency in which each type is found in the population.

3. Be familiar with the subclasses for each of the 3 major fingerprint patterns- **tented** & **plain arches**; **left** & **right loops**; **plain**, **central pocket**, **double loop**, & **accidental whorl**.

4. Identify the common ridge characteristics (**minutiae**) that allow for individualization of a fingerprint (**bifurcations**, **dots**, **ridge endings**, **deltas**, **cores**, **spurs**, & **islands**).

5. Describe how the automated fingerprint identification system works (**AFIS**). (Video in class)

6. Describe the methods of developing and retrieving latent fingerprints from different surfaces using physical and chemical methods including: **magnetic powder**, **black powder, cyanoacrylate ester** (aka Super Glue).

7. Describe & label the structure of hair (**cuticle, cortex, and medulla**) and how it is helpful forensically.

8. Distinguish the differences between **human hair and animal hair**.

9. Determine what kinds of **information** can be obtained about an individual based on their hair.

10. Explain the proper **collection** of forensic hair evidence (including reference samples).

11. Explain the role of **DNA typing** in hair analysis.

12. Describe the basic types of **fibers** in use today (both natural and synthetic)

13. Describe the common methods of **fiber analysis**.

**Skills:**

1. Obtain an inked, readable fingerprint for each of your fingers.

2. Classify your own fingerprints into one of the 3 major fingerprint pattern types and then into one of the 8 subclasses.

3. Process latent prints on a variety of surfaces using different methods.

4. Use microscopes to compare hair and fiber samples.

**II. Case Studies: (30%) Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**MAKE SURE you include how fingerprints, bite-mark impressions, hairs, or fibers were important when writing about these particular cases.**

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**III. Schoology Assignments and Labs (35%) Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**2. Developing Prints Activities(SG) and Lifting Lab (Class)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**6. Scott and Lacy Peterson CS Activity(SG)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Hair Analysis Activity(Class):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**8. Fiber Analysis Activity(Class):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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