

Role of lips print for forensic investigation

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ABSTRACT

Identification plays a major role in any crime investigation. Lips prints often appear on straws, glasses, cigarettes, and others. All of these are potential places where lip prints may be found and used in the investigation of a crime. Cheiloscopy is a forensic investigation technique that deals with identification of humans based on lips traces. In the past decades, lip-print studies attracted the attention of many scientists as a new tool for human identification in both civil and criminal issues. Lip prints are normal lines and fissures in the form of wrinkles and grooves present in the zone of transition of human lip, between the inner labial mucosa and outer skin. A lip print may be revealed as a surface with visible elements of lines representing the furrows. This characteristic pattern helps to identify the individuals since it is unique for individuals. Lip print recording is helpful in forensic investigation that deals with identification of humans, based on lip traces