

SCOTT'S FINGERPRINT MECHANICS

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This expanded and updated version of the original FINGERPRINT MECHANICS offers a comprehensive text and reference source for both students and experienced investigators. All aspects of fingerprints and fingerprinting are examined: obtaining inked impressions, latent fingerprint recovery, and fingerprint identification. Esoteric methods and techniques are included, but the book concentrates on information that will be of the most practical use to the average investigator.

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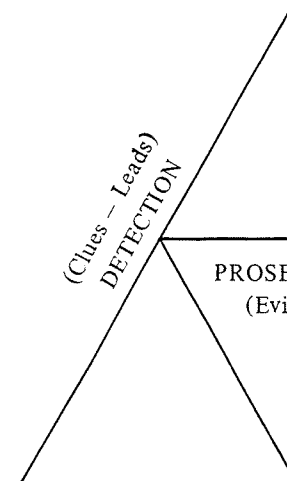
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VALUE OF FINGERPRINT EVIDENCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS value fingerprint evidence with much more apprehension of criminals more than physical evidence (Fig. 31). In fact, fingerprints are available to almost all investigations and they prove the presence at a crime scene, the impressions and establish the identity of an evidentiary item.

Unfortunately, fingerprint evidence in general are not sought after by investigators as they should be. The Science and Technology of Fingerprinting (President's Commission, 1967) in a study of 626 burglaries in which



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