

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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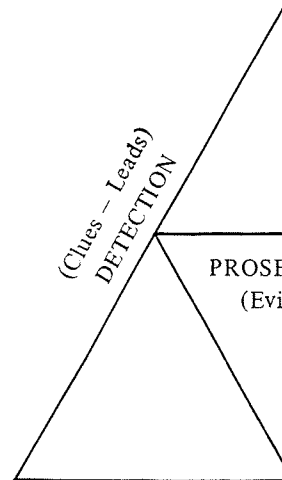
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VALUE OF FINGERPRINT EVIDENCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS use fingerprint evidence with great frequency in the apprehension of criminals more than any other physical evidence (Fig. 31). In fact, fingerprints are available to almost all investigations. In almost all cases they prove the presence at a crime scene, identify the impressions and establish their value as an evidentiary item.

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



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