

Special Issue

Recent Advances in Analysis of Forensic Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Forensic analysis/identification is the application of forensic science and technology methodologies to identify the source and age of specific materials from trace evidence at a crime scene. A wide array of advanced technologies, including gas chromatography–mass spectrometry, liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry, DNA analysis, and fingerprinting have been used to identify unknown substances. In particular, there is a growing interest in the study of various scents that can identify suspects, including their characteristic body scent. Odor databases can be used as forensic evidence in the analysis of fire sites, animal carcasses, and so on. Articles are welcome on topics that are related to theory, practice and applications of forensic science and technology, including, but not limited to the following: forensic materials, forensic DNA, digital forensics, post-mortem interval, forensic taphonomy, forensic olfactory science, decomposition odors, forensic chemistry and toxicology, environmental forensics, forensic microbiology and entomology, and forensic medicine.

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