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One-Hour Crime Scene Investigation

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Here in the United States we are constantly bombarded with crime scene investigation shows depicting the high tech/digital approach to solving forensic cases in one hour episodes. The television viewers seem mesmerized by the action of investigators with their UV lights and tweezers looking for evidence at crime scenes. When a real investigation moves into the time frame of months the families and involved individuals begin voicing concerns about dragging out the process. They are not educated in the scientific aspects of forensic investigations and can not understand why the new gadgets aren't solving the case. We as forensic scientists need to communicate to the masses what we really do. The toxicologist who works on endless analysis of crime scene materials, the ballistics expert who is reviewing hundreds of weapon records, or criminalist who has a desk full of case reports all need to have their story told. Good old fashion scientific investigations solve cases and those investigations are done with sweat and hard work.

Our new tools are great assets for investigations, but we and the public we work for need to understand the limitations of even the best high tech aids. There is also the problem of assuming "novel" techniques and new approaches are proven and scientifically sound. Only through large case studies and courtroom acceptance can these novel ideas become scientifically accepted techniques.

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