
This article examines the relationship between the probability that a fingerprint will correctly identify an individual and how correct those probabilities hold to be true. In addition, it comments on the possibility that fingerprinting could become its own scientific arena of study.


This article examines the assertion that there are no validation studies for forensic fingerprint analyses. By doing so, the author proves that fingerprint identification is a valid course of action to take when investigating criminal actions.


This article undertakes a comprehensive review of what is known about the potential error rate of latent print identification. Then, the article compiles and analyzes proficiency test data that sheds light on the potential error rate of fingerprint identification. The second half of the article is devoted to the fingerprint profession's and courts' rhetorical accounts of the potential error rate of latent print identification. This section analyzes efforts to minimize, dismiss, or otherwise account for fingerprint error.


This article describes how the differences in structure of fingerprints leads to problems and limitations in automated systems for scanning and storing fingerprints. In so doing, the article describes different forms of automated fingerprint identification.

Since fingerprint analysis has become such an important factor in medical investigations, this article explores different techniques in fingerprinting deceased individuals who were mummified, decomposed, or burned. Research was conducted on cadavers.


This book discusses technological advances in recovering latent fingerprints, fingerprint identification systems, latent fingerprint storage databases, and many other relevant topics to fingerprint analysis.


This article examines the social interactions among people that could possibly lead to errors in fingerprint identification. Although this article isn't completely relevant to the scientific and forensic applications of fingerprinting, it does provide interesting background information about the subject.


This court case will be central to my paper and the discussion of real world applications of fingerprint identification analysis in forensics.