

Forensic Investigation of Soil and Vegetable Materials

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ABSTRACT: In forensic science, soil, dust, and vegetable traces have as high a value as evidence as classical traces such as fingerprints or toolmarks. It is imperative that the potential information in these traces can be identified by a combination of analytical methods selected by a qualified expert. Experience has shown that the best results can be expected when all of the aspects of evidence, including physical, chemical, mineralogical, and biological, are taken into consideration. This review provides information on successfully tried and tested methods in the forensic investigation of soil and vegetable material.

KEY WORDS: Dust, evidence, soil, trace, vegetation.
