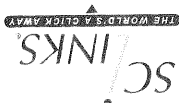


Lesson 4: Fingerprints



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The Crime: "DNR Offers Reward for Information in Wolf Poaching Case"

"The Department of Natural Resources [DNR] is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in a suspected poaching of a gray wolf in the eastern Upper Peninsula [UP] this winter.

"On Dec. 14, a mortality signal from a radio collar was picked up from a DNR airplane doing a wildlife surveillance flight in the eastern UP. The signal was picked up around the Pickford area, according to DNR Law Enforcement Division reports. The wolf wearing the radio collar had last been seen on Nov. 29.

"On March 7, a Michigan State Police search and dive rescue team recovered the radio collar from the river during a training exercise. The collar showed evidence of being cut off of the animal, law enforcement officials said...."

Source: State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, April 20, 2006. www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10371_10402-141386-M_2006_4,00.html

"The following day, DNR personnel tracked the radio collar to the Munuscong River in Chippewa County.

Investigator Questions

1. What is the crime?
2. How could fingerprints be used as evidence connecting the suspect(s) to the crime?