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what's on your mind?

### **Forensic scientists often get a foot in the door**

Sgt. James Lamprecht truly did some old-fashioned police work, following a trail of footprints in snow directly to the criminals. In fact, forensic analysis of footprints and shoe prints is the oldest forensic science. The first recorded case was in 1786 in Scotland. The killer of a young girl was caught when a crude cast of a bootprint beside her body was compared with the boots of people attending her funeral.

Today, forensic podiatrists routinely analyze footprints, shoe prints and footwear found at crime scenes. Footprints oftentimes reveal more than fingerprints, and are more common at crime scenes than most people realize.

This past August, the world's most prestigious forensic organization, the International Association for Identification — of which I am a member — recognized forensic podiatry as its newest forensic discipline.

Lamprecht literally tracked down the criminals.

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