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Crime stain as a complex source of forensic information: The relevance of the integrated view

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Body fluid stains are the source of diverse forensic information. They bear various information fields which can be examined by a number of methods. So, bloodstains can be explored by bloodstain pattern analysis, immunological, biochemical techniques, DNA and RNA analysis, olfactory identification methods etc. Each information field in turn consists of a number of fields of lower order which examination is done to achieve forensic objectives specific for a certain kind of information. The entire spectrum of all these studies is performed by a number of professionals having diverse narrow expertise. Under these conditions, there may be a disadvantage due loss of vision of the integrated information picture. However, such a view is necessary for the successful use of the object for crime investigation. Discussion of the examination of forensically relevant body fluid stains as whole is a subject of this work.

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