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FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION UNIT

In this Unit, experts aim at determination whether finger marks secured at crime scenes match the fingerprints (reference material) collected from suspects.

The following properties of friction ridge characteristics are used in identification process:

- uniqueness (unique arrangement for each individual),
- immutability (arrangement of features remains unchanged during lifetime),
- irremovability.

Fundamental tasks of Fingerprint Identification Unit include determination of:

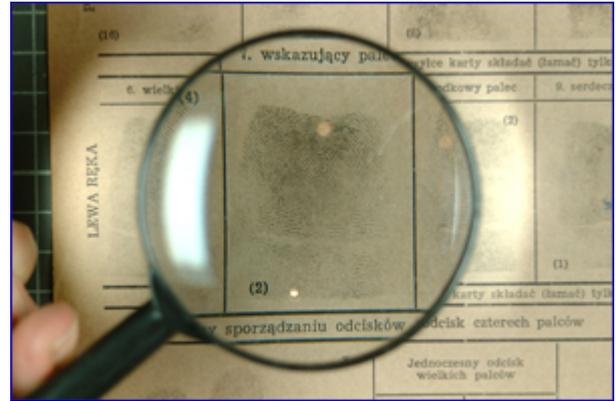
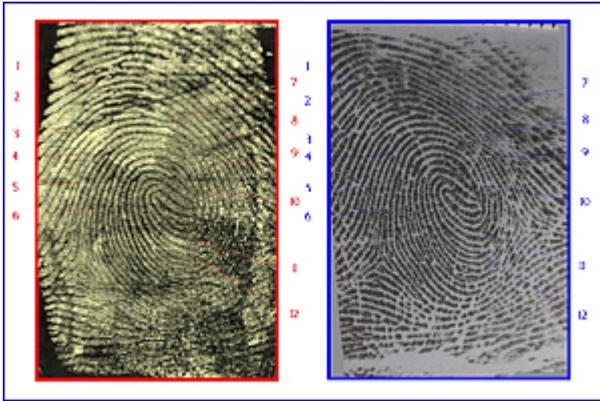
- person, who left fingerprints at a scene of crime
- person, who left lip print at a scene of crime
- person who left ear print at a scene of crime
- how a glove impression was generated.

Lip print and earprint examinations are performed solely in the CFLP Fingerprint Department. In order to confirm their competence, experts of this Unit regularly participate in proficiency testing in the area of fingerprint identification, organized by external institutions.

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