NIJ Impression and Pattern Evidence Symposium

Analysis Reports: Do Your Written Conclusions Reflect Your Testimony?

Speakers:

In order of appearance:

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Serology Reports:

- Test results indicated the presence of blood.
- Human blood was identified in the stain found on item 2.
- The victim cannot be excluded as the source of the DNA obtained from the bloodstain recovered from the bed sheet.
- DNA from more than one individual was obtained from the item 3 stain. The victim and suspect cannot be excluded as possible donors of the DNA.

NC SBI Crime Lab Controversy

- "So you can't say it's not blood and you can't say that it is blood. All you can say is the test didn't work, that you couldn't confirm it. And we've never denied that," he said.
- But a federal judge disagreed in a court order issued last year in the case of George Goode. The judge said Deaver's testimony was misleading because he led a 1993 jury to believe that he found blood when he had only conducted a preliminary test that indicated the possibility it was present.

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