

ABSTRACT

ADMISSIBILITY OF TOOLMARKS AS EVIDENCE

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"No two tools even of the same make, model or batch leave identical marks on the surfaces they worked on".

Tools are equipment's used to do a particular sort of work i.e. build, repair, or renovate. Tools are emblematic instruments like screwdrivers, hammers, knives, pry bar as well as firearms, which are made up of hard materials and when they come in contact with any softer surface, they embed a mark which is known as toolmark. Toolmarks are unique and once embedded on a surface they are usually permanent. Hence, they form a significant part of forensic science and crime scene investigation as toolmarks can postulate an unswerving lead towards the nature of crime and the criminal. Through the research, the author would like to give a comprehensive elucidation with respect to the nature and significance of tool marks. Further, it also involves the admissibility of tool marks as an evidence in the court of law along with the judicial precedents, that have explained the evidentiary value of such tool marks.

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