Forensic Geology

Case Study: People smuggling

Microscopic analysis of sand grains from the crime scenes.



Microscopic view of sand grains from Staffin, Scotland. These sand grains match samples taken from the victim, the blanket in which he was wrapped and from the tyre treads of the white van abandoned at Worthing (Sample 5).



Sand grains from the banks of the River Severn near Stourbridge, where the body of the victim was found. These grains match grains found inside the white van abandoned at Worthing (Sample 6).



Sand from the beach at Worthing. Found only in the tyre treads of the van, but not on the victim or the blanket in which he was wrapped (Sample 7).

