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Forensic Services Division

Violent Crime Response Team Standard Operating Procedures Collecting Paint Evidence

10. VCRT Procedures

10.27 Collecting Paint Evidence

10.27.1 Scope

This procedure provides general guidelines in the collection of paint evidence.

10.27.2 Definitions

Refer to VCRT 11.0 Definitions and Abbreviations

10.27.3 Chemicals and Reagents

None

10.27.4 Equipment and Supplies

Razor blades
Razor blade holder
Scalpel/blades
Packaging materials

10.27.5 Procedure

DO NOT lift or stick small paint particles onto adhesive tape.

Do not place small paint particles in a paper envelope unless protected in a paper fold.

When paint is transferred onto large or immovable objects, the paint should be scraped as to collect as much of the transfer as possible. These scrapings should be collected in a druggist fold and properly labeled.

In situations where paint is transferred onto small or moveable object place the entire object into an appropriate container for collection.

Scraping is the preferred technique in recovering small paint samples from items too large to transport to the Laboratory. Larger paint samples may be recovered using tweezers. Tools and smaller items possibly containing paint transfers should be transported to the Laboratory.

Recover, package, and seal all paint samples separately.

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Packaging

It is preferred that small pieces of paint are packaged in the druggist fold with all edges sealed with tape.

Clearly mark the outside packaging as to the location and description of the evidence.