

Forensic Geology

Case Study: People smuggling

Datasheet: Abandoned vehicle



Report on the white van found abandoned on the beach at Worthing, West Sussex on 20th August 2002.

Analysis of the sand grains found embedded in the tyres of the van indicate that it had been at Stourbridge where the body of the victim was found and also found were traces of sand grains from Staffin on the Isle of Skye. In the inside of the van fibres were found that matched the fibres from the blanket that was used to hold the body. Tyre tracks at Staffin showed the same tread patterns as the tyres on this van.



Crime scene with blanket



Tyre tread pattern from the van.



Pattern of blanket



Tyre track from Staffin.



Fibres taken from van at Worthing found to match material and colour of blanket used to wrap victim.