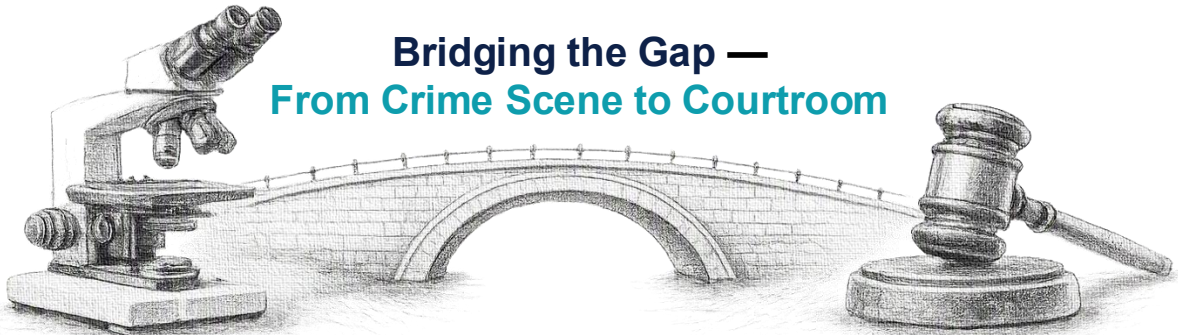




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Presented by Troy Ernst · Forensic Scientist, Michigan State Police Grand Rapids Forensic Lab

Automotive paint chips were originally submitted to the lab to determine the year, make, and model of the source vehicle. When investigators followed where the trace evidence pointed, multiple surprises awaited them. The laboratory and investigative work was capped off by a physical fit of the paint chip to the vehicle. This case showcases the importance of effective communication between crime scene investigators, detectives, and forensic examiners.

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