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The President's Message !

Dear Members thank you for your participation and support in the joint Utah and Pacific Northwest Divisions Conference. I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting and training which will be held the 24th and 25th. George Throckmorton, John Foster from the Medical Examiners Office, and Scott Spjut will be instructing us for the two day seminar.

The Business Meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon to conduct the 2002 elections and other business matters.

We want to thank LaMar Burns for his dedication and volunteer time being the new-letter editor. He retired from West Valley Police in July of this year. He has joined the



maintenance staff and works at the Salt Lake County Jail Facility.

Our hearts are heavy with the events of the attack in New York and surrounding cities. Our condolences go to the victims and their families in this terrible tragedy. I know justice will prevail. Lets all give our support to them in any way we can. We shall rise above this and carry on this countries tradition. Our lives are changed. We appreciate life more. "God Bless America."

Hope to see you at future events.

Jeff Itami, President Utah I.A.I.

In Memory Of those who have died in the tragic events of September 11, 2001



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FINGERPRINTS ON A BANANA LEAF

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colored impressions, similar to

removed dust prints.

*On May 22, 1998, a Honolulu police officer was sent to investigate a residential burglary. During the investigation the officer established the point of entry had been a ground level patio window. Adjacent to the patio window, wooden jalousies had been removed; adjacent to the wooden jalousies were two pieces of a banana leaf. The pieces of the banana leaf were consistent with a banana tree in the back yard. Inspection of the two pieces of the banana leaf revealed visible fingerprints present on the white powder-covered underside.

Due to the delicate nature of the revealed impressions, the Honolulu Police Department's Scientific Investigation Section was called to assist. The responding Evidence Specialist secured the two pieces of the banana leaf with tape inside a box to restrict their movement and brought them back to the laboratory for photographing. Friction ridge contact had removed the normal white powder, known as wax "bloom" which coats the bottom of the leaf, and had yielded green-

The revealed fingerprints were photographed using an MP-4 camera system, 4X5 Kodak Ektapan ASA 100 black and white sheet film, oblique lighting and a Tiffen #25 red filter. The photographed prints were then searched by the Honolulu Police Department's Identification Section through AFIS and a suspect was identified. Ironically, had the suspect not touched the banana leaf, it is highly improbable that an identification would have been made. The removed jalousies were of the untreated textured wooden type subject to the weather, and unlikely to yield prints of use.[]

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I had asked you all in a previous issue if anyone had located fingerprints of a banana or other items of food. I found the above article in the Sept./Oct. 2000 issue in the JFI.

The Editor's Corner

I would imagine that all good things have to come to an end, however in this case it is not necessarily true. I am talking about the change in the Editor of this newsletter. I am stepping down after this issue. My time does not allow me to dedicate the time to this project. The Editor's position is an appointed position, which I have served with great pleasure and satisfaction.

I am sure whom ever is appointed at the business meeting in October will do just as good if not better.

I want to thank all of those who helped me by sending in articles for publication.[]

The tragic events that took place of September 11, 2001 will always be remembered in our hearts . Our prayers go out to the friends and family left behind.

My 18 year old daughter traveled to New York in June of this year and stood in front of the glass doors of the World Trade Center Complex. She went to the top floor, 110. The very next day she was at the top of the Empire State Building and took a picture of the city's sky line which included the twin towers. I am sure we have similar stories that give us connection to this National tragedy.[] In parting be as supportive to

the new editor as you have been to me and our professionalism will always shine above those who try to tear it down.

Your Editor
Detective LaMar Burns, Ret.



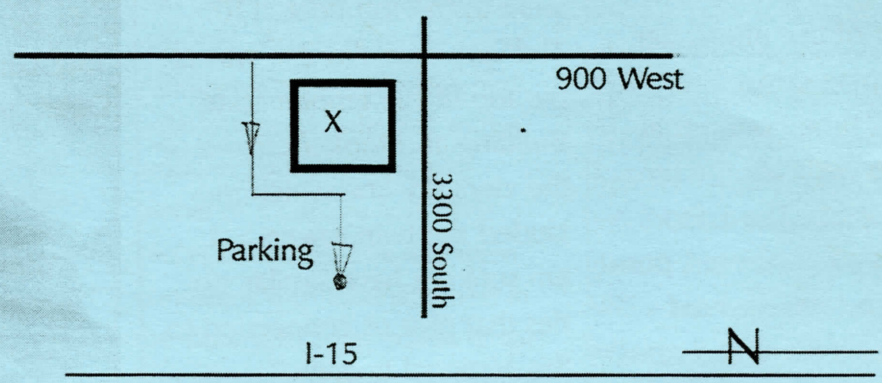
Picture was taken June 4th,2001 from the Empire State Buiding by Veronica Burns.

The Bulletin Board

The Utah Division I.A.I. Fall Training and Business Meeting.

October 24,25..... Salt Lake County Sheriff's Building
Starts at 08:00 each day. 3365 South 900 West, Salt Lake City 84118
In the Training Room on the main floor

The business meeting will be held the afternoon on the 24th.
There is visiting parking on the East side of the building.



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