

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2006 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Can You Believe Your Eyes?

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Objectives/Goals

The purpose of this this experiment is to find out which is a more effective method of crime solving, eyewitness accounts or handwriting analysis.

Abstract

Methods/Materials

Materials: Camera, Eyewitness questionarre, Parameter Data Key and Microsoft Excel.

Procedures: First Experiment: Simulation of Robbery will occur, Mr.Marchetti will be robbed during class, questionarre will be handed out to 10 people at random, Students will fill out questionarre as accurately as possible, questionarres will be graded. Second Experiment: Students fill out commonly used "London Letter" as an exemplar, Exemplars will be analyzed using a Paramter Data Key. Results will be determined.

Results

The final results ended up being that eyewitnesses are sixty percent accurate, where as handwriting analysis turned out to be 99.999975% accurate.

Conclusions/Discussion

Handwriting Anlysis is a more effective method of crime solving. As it turns out, I can't believe my eyes.

Summary Statement

The discovery of how effective two controversial methods of crime solving are.

Help Received

David Marchetti helped with the idea for the experiments.