

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

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# **Project Title**

# **Investigating Environmental Condition with Fingerprint Quality on Glass Surfaces**

# Objectives/Goals

## **Abstract**

Is to determine if you can find a good quality fingerprint when you put glass in the oven, freezer, and rain. I sent the 40 samples to local officers to judgethe fingerprints from a scale of 1-3. 1 being bad to use as evidence.3 being can be used as evidence.

#### Methods/Materials

- -40 glasses
- -non-serol gloves
- -negative 10 degrees freezer
- -200 degrees oven

Latent print feild kit

- -dusting brush
- -black fingerprint powder
- -fingerprint index card
- -ink pad
- -cutting blade
- -tape

#### Results

Rain on Glass

-overall average of 2.2 out of 3

Heat on Glass

-overall average of 1.1 out of 3

Freeze on Glass

-overall average 1.2 out of 3

### **Conclusions/Discussion**

The overall result is that Rain has the best quality and should be used as evidence in a crime scene. Heat had the lowest ratingout of all.

## **Summary Statement**

Investigating Environmental Conditions with Fingerprint Quality on Glass Surfaces

## **Help Received**

3 police officers judge fingerprints