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Forensics: The Real CSI.

Interview transcript with Lucy Bryan.

My name is Lucy Bryan I've been in Forensics for nearly seventeen years.

I specialise in interpreting DNA profiling results, so that DNA might come from semen in a sex case, or blood from an assault or saliva, or just cellular DNA from for example a sample on a coat.

Okay so what we'll be looking for is any blood staining which would indicate that it has originated from somebody other than the deceased.

I never in a million years thought I would actually get in to do forensics.

My mum who is sadly no longer with us always had a real passion for crime fiction, she was always watching crime dramas on the tv, got me interested in it. Erm and that's the only thing I ever wanted to do.

So this was found next to the deceased.

I ended up doing a neuroscience and psychology degree and then luckily I did actually manage to get into forensics. I joined a scientific recruitment agency straight out of University who happened to be recruiting for the what was the Forensic Science Service. Nowadays I know a lot of the new recruits in forensics have got forensics degrees and masters in forensics, so I think I would advise anybody that's keen to get into the profession to actually go down that route.

It's so saturated with blood.

Forensic science is amazing when you get a good result and you find blood from a victim on a suspects piece of clothing. It can also be quite frustrating at times because you tend to get more negative results than you do positive results. And then you get than one result that you think yes we can link that person to the scene or to an individual. That makes you feel really good.