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Forensics: The Real CSI.

Interview transcript with Jo Ward.

I'm Joanne Ward, work for West Midlands Police Crime Scene Coordinator. Been in the job about 23 years now, 21 of those are being in the Forensic Scene Investigation Department.

So what we need to do is carry out a finger print examination to see if we've got any fingerprints around the window.

The main role is manage and coordinate multiple uhm murder scenes and forensic investigations. During the investigation forensics seems to be the main part of the evidence.

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The first 24-48 hours of a murder scene can be quite intense umh lot of phone calls, phones constantly going. Everyone wants a piece of you. You know they're always looking for evidence straight away you know to obviously identify who's responsible for that offence.

It's a lot of peoples dream job. Especially with CSI being on TV, although it's not as glamorous as what they make out to be.

Obviously when a jobs advertised we do get an awful lot of applicants. But you know, people leave, leave school, uhm go to do their A levels and then perhaps take up a degree in forensics or some kind of science degree. You know, the more experience you've got of or more knowledge you've got of, photography and, obviously, the forensic world, the better really.

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You have to have control of your emotions, really do. You know, you spend 16, 17 hours at crime scenes looking at distressing images. Then to go home and then switch off into your family life, be a mum, be a wife, be a daughter, you know, that, that's quite tough. But you learn how to, to deal with that. I just find it so rewarding, you know, just finding out whose committed that offence, you know making sure that justice is served.