Forensic Files: Tourist Trap

Complete this worksheet as you watch the video.

1. What does “smash and grab” and “bump and rob” mean? _________________________________________
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2. Why were tourists targeted?
   1 - _______________________________________________________________________________________
   2 - _______________________________________________________________________________________

3. What happened to the reporter and her mother? __________________________________________________________________________________________

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9. What does a forensic odontologist do? __________________________________________________________________________________________

10. How do investigators use the casts or models made from a suspect’s teeth?
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    2 - _______________________________________________________________________________________

11. What was his alibi? __________________________________________________________________________________________

12. Did his alibi hold up in court? __________________________________________________________________________________________

13. What were the findings of the jury? __________________________________________________________________________________________

14. What two things helped reduce this type of crime?
    1 - _______________________________________________________________________________________
    2 - _______________________________________________________________________________________

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Worksheet created for use with the Tourist Trap episode available on the Forensic Files DVD
1. What does “smash and grab” and “bump and rob” mean?
   *Criminals use another car to cause an accident and then rob the victims.*

2. Why were tourists targeted?
   1 – They were easy to identify.
   2 – They usually have cash and other valuables that are easy to sell.

3. What happened to the reporter and her mother? *They were assaulted.*

4. What did the attacker do to try to stop her from leaving? *He bit her arm.*

5. How did criminals identify a rental car?
   1 – *Bumper stickers were on the cars to identify the rental company.*
   2 – *Rental cars had license plates that started with a “y” or a “z”.*

6. How do investigators document a bite mark?
   1 – *They photograph the bite mark using different lighting effects.*
   2 – *They use an L-shaped ruler to document the measurements of the bite mark.*

7. How was the main suspect identified? *The victim picked him out of a photo array.*

8. How did the police get Cornet into custody? *He attacked another man.*

9. What does a forensic odontologist do? *He/she studies dental profiles to help identify suspects or victims.*

10. How do investigators use the casts or models made from a suspect’s teeth?
    1 – *Wax impressions can be made to show the dental profile and used to identify the person who made the bite mark.*
    2 – *The casts are used to make bite mark patterns on a plastic sheet that can be compared to photographs of the bite marks.*

11. What was his alibi? *The suspect said he was at work.*

12. Did his alibi hold up in court? *No*

13. What were the findings of the jury? *Guilty*

14. What two things helped reduce this type of crime?
    1 – *The police increased their surveillance of the area.*
    2 – *Rental cars removed the company bumper stickers and license plates were changed so they would not be easily identified.*