

Forensic Files: Tourist Trap

Name _____

Complete this worksheet as you watch the video.

1. What does “smash and grab” and “bump and rob” mean? _____

2. Why were tourists targeted?

1 - _____

2 - _____

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

4. What did the attacker do to try to stop her from leaving? _____

5. How did criminals identify a rental car?

1 - _____

2 - _____

6. How do investigators document a bite mark?

1 - _____

2 - _____

7. How was the main suspect identified? _____

8. How did the police get Cornet into custody? _____

9. What does a forensic odontologist do? _____

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

1 - _____

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 - _____

Forensic Files: Tourist Trap

ANSWER KEY

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.