Estimation *of the* Time since Death

Current Research and Future Trends

Estimation of the Time Since Death is a current comprehensive work on the methods and research advances into the time since death and human decomposition. This work provides practitioners a starting point for research and practice to assist with the identification and analysis of human remains. It contains a collection of the latest scientific research, various estimation methods, and includes case studies, to highlight methodological application to real cases.

This reference first provides an introduction, including the early post-mortem period, biochemical methods, and the value of entomology in estimating the time since death, along with other factors affecting the decomposition process. Further coverage explores importance of microbial communities in estimating time since death. Separate chapters on aquatic environments, carbon 14 dating and amino acid racemization, and total body scoring will round out the reference. A concluding chapter summarizes research and outlines the direction it should follow.

- Chapters are written by practicing pathologists, physical anthropologists and scientists in related fields and also include their latest research on the topics. This book is a one of a kind resource for researchers and academics in determining the time since death in decomposing human remains.
- The first comprehensive reference bringing together all aspects of knowledge relating to the estimation of the post-mortem interval in decomposed human bodies
- Contains real case studies to underscore key estimation concepts
- Demonstrates the changing role of technology and advances in the estimation of time since death

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