



HOLT, RINEHART AND WINSTON

A Harcourt Education Company

NOTE: See the Forensic Science Kits at the California Science Education Conference at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium on October 19-22, 2006 in booth 421-429. <http://www.cascience.org/conference.html>

Skateboard Crashes and Decomposing Bananas: Forensic Science Captivates Students Using Holt Lab Kits

SAN FRANCISCO – October 19, 2006 — CSI-mania is inspiring students to be much more interested in science these days and a new forensic science curriculum just released by Holt, Rinehart and Winston (www.hrw.com), is giving students skills to become accomplished forensic examiners. Recovering prints from hands, shoes and ears is just one of many labs in a nine-kit series that teachers are using to supplement science instruction.

With Holt's Forensics Science Kits®, students investigate handprints, invent their own fingerprint classification, process evidence, and prepare classroom exhibits on their forensic projects. These activities build a student's scientific inquiry skills through observation, classification, analysis, and communicating conclusions.

Marty Ludas, a former forensic examiner, developed the curriculum for Holt using actual case-based examples. Mr. Ludas has not only worked with the FBI in their Identification Division but was also a certified police academy instructor, teaching techniques in fingerprinting, crime scene investigation, and evidence collection. "I wanted to give students something that would get them excited about science," said Mr. Ludas. "Realistic activities like forensics certainly are exciting but I also wanted to create a resource for teachers that would fulfill science education standards and be easily integrated into their curriculum."

To make integration a simple process, each forensic science kit includes: instructor guides, PowerPoint® presentations, overhead transparencies, leveled operative exercises, and materials for 150 students. While one of the most exciting labs involves crashing skateboards to measure impact damage, teachers can choose from many labs including the study of finger, thumb and joint biometrics; enlarged exemplars and perplexing patterns; latent print deposition and recovery; decomposition observation; crash test measurements, two and three-dimensional casting, evidence preparation; search and recovery; and more.

The Forensics Science Kits are designed to complement Holt's middle school science textbooks; however, they can also be used with any science education program or as a stand alone curriculum.

About Holt, Rinehart and Winston

Holt, Rinehart and Winston is a leading publisher of textbooks and educational materials for grades six through 12 and is part of Harcourt Education, a global education provider serving students and teachers in PreK through

- More -

grade 12, adult learners, and readers of all ages. The Harcourt companies are Harcourt School Publishers; Holt, Rinehart and Winston; Harcourt Achieve (including the Rigby, Steck-Vaughn, and Saxon imprints); Harcourt Assessment; Classroom Connect; Harcourt Trade Publishers; Greenwood-Heinemann; and Harcourt Education International. For further information, please call (800) 992-1627 or visit www.hrw.com or www.harcourt.com.

Harcourt Education is part of Reed Elsevier Group plc. (www.reedelsevier.com), which is a world-leading publisher and information provider. It is owned equally by Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier NV. The parent companies are listed on the London, Amsterdam and New York Stock Exchanges, under the following ticker symbols: London: REL; Amsterdam: REN; New York: RUK and ENL.

The names of actual companies and products mentioned herein may be the trademarks of their respective owners.

###

Media Contacts:

- Jennifer Harrison, for Holt, Rinehart and Winston: 916-716-0636, jennifer@JHarrisonPR.com
- Leigh Ann Garcia; Holt, Rinehart and Winston: 512-721-7319, LeighAnn.Garcia@hrw.com