

G625: Forensic Science – Sample Assignment D

Unit Name: Forensic Science	Unit Number: G625
Assignment Title: Evidence & Proof	Assignment: G625 Sample Assignment D
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Vocational Brief:

Forensic evidence provides information that may be used by the prosecution, the defence, the judge and jury in a trial. The quality of the evidence is paramount and a dependence on the accuracy and the detail relates to the final assessment of probability of guilt. The forensic scientist's job plays an important role in the convictions of many criminals, but is it always correct?

Task:

Use your research skills to find a case where a person or people have been found guilty and charged for a crime where forensic evidence has played an important part.

Complete a report that includes:

- details of the case study you have researched
- information of the forensic evidence recorded – including the strengths and limitations of this evidence
- how the forensic scientists ensure the quality of the evidence they collected
- your interpretation on the probability of guilt based on the forensic evidence.

[Max marks possible for this task: 6]

For higher marks, include in your report:

- the ways forensic scientists ensure that the quality of the evidence collected and analysed is objective
- detail on limitations
- strengths and weaknesses of the analytical techniques used
- information on the probability of guilt and a need to review the evidence.