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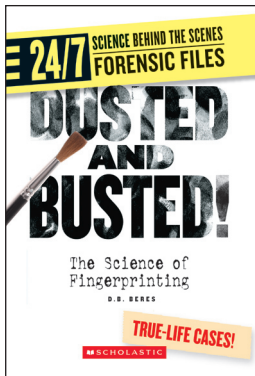
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The thief steals some money—and leaves a trail of footprints behind.

It was a beautiful morning when Tim McCall arrived early for work. McCall was the assistant manager of the Burger Queen in Paris, Tennessee. So he was often the first person to get to work.

As usual, McCall began to get the restaurant ready to open. It seemed like a normal day.

But then McCall noticed that the office door was open. He walked in and saw papers on the floor. The window above the desk was open. There were black footprints across the room to the door. Strangely, they were from bare feet.

McCall quickly checked the cash box. It was kept in a desk drawer. It usually contained about \$100 in change. The drawer had been pried open. And the cash box was missing.

It was time to call the police.

Looking for Clues
Investigators found no trace of fingers, but plenty of toes.

When the police arrived, McCall showed them the crime scene.

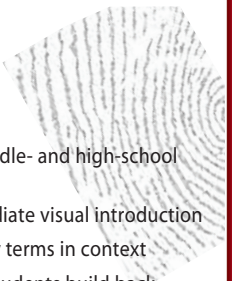
The police investigators had one main goal: It was to figure out the identity of the burglar.

They immediately began processing the scene for fingerprints and other clues.

Fingerprint specialists always look for prints where the criminals enter and exit the crime scene. At the Burger Queen, the window had been forced open. That's probably how the burglar had come in. So

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