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Biography

Dr John W. Bond OBE joined the Department of Criminology from the [Department of Chemistry](#), where he has worked for the past three years since retiring from Northamptonshire Police in 2011.

John worked for Northamptonshire Police for nearly 20 years as Head of Forensic Services and, during that time, crime scene managed many high profile investigations including the investigation of the multiple murderer Phillip Austin, who murdered his entire family in 2000.

John also invented a novel method of recovering fingerprints from spent brass shell casings, which has been used to provide prosecution evidence in murder trials across the US. Whilst at Leicester, John has continued to invent new ways of recovering fingerprints from 'difficult' surfaces and some of these are now in commercial production, used by law enforcement agencies worldwide, and generate an income for the university. These inventions have been acknowledged with innovation awards from Time Magazine and the BBC Focus Magazine and, in 2011, John was awarded an OBE for services to forensic science.

He has a long standing association with the Department of Criminology and, for several years, has worked in close collaboration with academics in the department, notably [Dr Lisa Smith](#) and [Tammy Ayres](#). The most recent of these collaborations have included the 'Blazing car murder' from 1930, legal high substance abuse and the successful FP7 bid for EU funding for ten Ph.D. studentships at the university.

Awards Received

- Steering Group Member, [Technology Strategy Board](#), 2013
- Visiting Fellowship, [University of Reading](#), 2012
- [Officer of the Order of the British Empire for Services to Forensic Science, 2011](#)
- Expert Scientist, Science Museum London, 2009
- Advisory Board Member, California State University, 2009
- [BBC Focus Magazine](#) Award - Invention Most Likely to Change the World, 2009
- [Time Magazine](#) Award - Top 50 Inventions of the Year, 2008