Catching Killers: Fingerprints

1. In the summer of 1985, what serial killer was active in Los Angeles?
2. What does he leave behind at every crime scene?
3. What was different about how the Night Stalker selected his victims versus other serial killers?
4. How are fingerprints formed?
5. When are fingerprints “locked in” during development?
6. What is the purpose of fingerprints?
7. How did the Chinese use fingerprints?
8. Describe the case in Argentina.
9. How did the detective in Argentina collect the bloody fingerprint for evidence? How is this different from how it would have been collected today?
10. What fingerprint pattern did both the suspect and the bloody fingerprint have? Were they a match?
11. After the sketch, what additional information was a victim of the Night Stalker able to give police?
12. What colors of fingerprint powders do investigators do?
13. When are fluorescent powders used? How are they seen?
14. How are lasers used to develop prints?
15. Where was the Night Stalker’s fingerprint found?
16. Who was guilty of killing the children in Argentina? Why did he/she do it?
17. Describe how AFIS works.
18. How many men with criminal records were also named Richard Ramirez?
19. Describe Richard Ramirez.
20. How was Richard Ramirez caught?
21. What is Ramirez convicted of? Give all convictions.
22. What was his sentence?
23. Describe how fingerprints can be taken off of bullets that have been wiped clean.