



CSU Begins Training on 3D Laser Scanner

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The Crime Scene Unit will begin training Jan. 20, 2015 on the Faro 3D Laser Scanner. This device does a 360-degree scan of a crime scene, collecting millions of measurements to help with crime scene reconstruction. The scanner is the most advanced form of crime scene documentation, and will help the Houston Forensic Science Center's crime scene investigators fill in gaps from the pictures, measurements and sketches they make when processing evidence. In the long-term, the scanner will make documentation of a crime scene more efficient and may help eliminate the need for manual measurement-taking and sketches. The scanner will also help crime scene investigators create a 3D jury friendly image for when they testify in court.

The Crime Scene Unit has two 3D scanners that cost about \$80,000 and were paid for with grants from the Harris County District Attorney's Office and the Houston Police Foundation.

Houston's forensic operations, formerly known as the Houston Police Department Crime Lab, have been managed by Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., since April 3, 2014.

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