



Module 2

Introduction



LOCARD'S EXCHANGE PRINCIPLE "EVERY CONTACT LEAVES A TRACE"

In forensic science, Locard's principle holds that **the perpetrator of a crime will bring something into the crime scene and leave with something from it and that both can be used as forensic evidence.** Dr Edmond Locard was a pioneer in forensic science who became known as the Sherlock Holmes of Lyon, France.

He formulated the basic principle of forensic science as: **"Every contact leaves a trace"**. It is generally understood as "with contact between two receptive items, there will be an exchange." Paul L. Kirk expressed the principle as follows: Wherever he steps, whatever he touches, whatever he leaves, even unconsciously, will serve as a silent witness against him.

Flow Chart

