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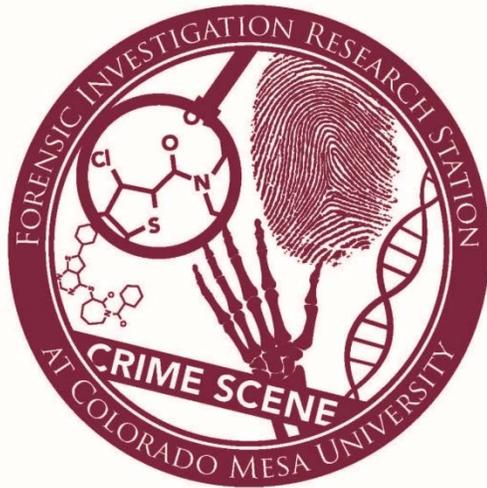
Testing the Use of Pigs as Human Proxies in Decomposition Studies

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Why have a facility that uses humans for decomposition studies? You will find out as Dr. Connor shares her research from a recent study, which compared gross morphological characteristics of decomposition in 19 pigs carcasses and 23 human remains. The pigs were euthanized by gunshot wound to the head. Human causes of death included cancer, lupus, heart attack, gunshot wound to the head, and blunt force trauma caused by a fall. The remains were placed in the outdoor facility at different times between September 2012 and February 2015. Come find out the results!

FYI - Pictures of dead things in decomposition will be shown during the talk.



Decomposing pig at the Forensic Investigation Research Station at Colorado Mesa University