The Importance of Trace Evidence to an Investigation. Paper details Your paper will contain 7 full pages of content and it must be written in current APA format with a title page, abstract, and reference page (not included in the page count). A minimum of 5 scholarly sources are required. Your final research paper will have a title page with page numbers, an abstract and proper APA subheadings in place throughout your essay. You will have a complete and comprehensive reference list at the end of your paper ( starting on a separate page). Research Paper Topic Assignment The Importance of Trace Evidence to an Investigation Thesis Statement The collection of trace evidence can be the difference between guilt or innocence to the accused. Background/ Brief Literature Review of Topic Trace evidence is an often-overlooked part of crime scene processing (Osterburg & Ward, 2014). The minute details that can be discovered through proper processing can include hair, fibers, and even the collection of plant or animal material. Trace evidence is often referred to as a “silent witness” and can help place a subject in a certain locale at a certain time (Roux, 2015). The inclusion of such evidence has the ability provide an alibi based on certain characteristics or can refute the statement of a suspect. References: Osterburg, J. W., & Ward, R. H. (2014). Criminal investigation: A method for reconstructing the past. Cincinnati, OH: Anderson Pub Roux, C., Talbot-Wright, B., Robertson, J., Crispino, F., & Ribaux, O. (2015). The end of the (forensic science) world as we know it? The example of trace evidence. Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society.