Dear Editor,

Attached is our submission entitled “A Robust Approach to Automatic Groove Identification in 3D Bullet Land Scans” to the Journal of Forensic Sciences. We are researchers affiliated with the Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence (CSAFE) and the Department of Statistics at Iowa State University.

We request you consider our manuscript for acceptance as a Paper in the Criminalistics section of the Journal of Forensic Sciences.

To the best of our knowledge, we have no conflicts of interest. The work is our own and has not been published anywhere else nor has it been submitted to any other journal.

The manuscript contains color figures, but the use of color in the print version is not necessary; we do not make any color references in the text.

Thank you for your consideration.

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