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**Fluorescent Fingerprint Tag IDs 'Hidden' Prints**  
Lifting latent fingerprints on knives, guns, bullet casings and other metals with higher confidence is now possible using a film of electrochromic polymers, which change colors when subjected to an electrical voltage, researchers from the Science and Technology Facilities Council's ISIS pulsed neutron and muon source, the University of Leicester and the Institute Laue-Langevin have found. "By using the insulating properties of the fingerprints to define their unique patterns and improving the visual resolution through these color-controllable films, we can dramatically improve the accuracy of crime scene fingerprint forensics," said professor Robert Hillman of the University of Leicester. "From the images we have produced so far, we are achieving identification with high confidence using commonly accepted standards."

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**Listening to Blood Cells**

Red blood cells struck with laser light generate high-frequency sound waves that Ryerson University investigators say could help to differentiate normal blood cells from abnormal ones for the diagnosis of blood-related diseases.

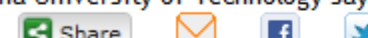
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**Optics Scholarship Established at UA to Honor Edmund**

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The privately held DNA fluorescent in situ hybridization probes and target labeling reagents provider has joined Leica Biosystems' Advanced Staining business unit based in the UK. The combined business will develop targeted biomarker menus for Leica's instrument platforms.

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