WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice today announced a published online article that provides an overview of how 3D surface imaging technology is being used by criminal justice practitioners in firearm identification. The NIJ-funded research determined best practices and provides credibility for use of the technology in a forensic science capacity.

**TITLE:** “Establishing Scientific Criteria for 3D Analysis of Cartridges”

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