INTRODUCTION

Thank you for the constructive ongoing feedback in relation to the content of these research digests, please continue to provide this so that I ensure the content continues to add value to your and your clients’ operations.

Some personal highlights of this issue include the analysis of recovered artifacts from the Space Shuttle Columbia to examine potential failure modes to help ensure the safe and reliable operation of future spaceflight vehicles, and an unusual case of “disguised suicide”, in which the victim tried to cover-up the suicide by changing her clothes and concealing the weapon in the last minutes of her life.

I trust that many of you are also aware of the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS) 24th International Symposium being held in Perth, Western Australia from 9 to 13 September 2018 (www.anzfss2018.com). Themed “Forensic Science Without Borders” it promises to continue the proud tradition that Australia and New Zealand have in showcasing forensic science research across all key disciplines. The Call for Abstracts is now open.

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