

## Murder

Cogent was instructed by solicitors representing a man charged with murder, in criminal proceedings before the Central Criminal Court. The prosecution case was that there were marks on the body of the deceased that could have been made by a pair of training shoes found in the possession of the accused.

The Cogent consultant re-examined the marks on the deceased and the shoes. In addition, he examined three additional pairs of shoes seized from others by the police during the investigation. The consultant showed that all four pairs of shoes were equally capable of producing the impression found on the deceased.

The defence solicitor stated that the consultant's report was of 'enormous value'. It resulted in the prosecution deciding to abandon the original footwear evidence as part of their case.

