Reading Fingerprints
Reading Prints

- The key to reading prints is not to find each and every characteristic in the prints, but to get the trend of patterns.
- Most prints found at a crime scene are partial prints which rarely contain all deltas and cores.
- We must learn how to look at the trend of the lines as a whole, rather than individual lines.
Double Loops

Contain an “S” shape within the print
Plain Whorls & Central Pocket Loops

- These are the only prints that contain a circle or spiral within the print.
Plain Whorl or Central Pocket Loop

- A Plain Whorl has symmetry-core in the center, deltas near the bottom of the print.
Plain Whorl or Central Pocket Loop

One of the deltas on a CPL will be twisted and closer to the core (no symmetry)
These prints have some lines that enter at one side, turn, and then exit the same side.
Ulnar Loop
Arches

- All lines enter at one side of the print and exit the other.