Skeleton

Case Study

Scientific Investigation Services of the Attorney General's Office of the State of Guanajuato, Mexico.



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BACKGROUND

As the main gateway on the migration route to the United States, Mexico has to process a large number of unidentified bodies and skeletonized remains of various origins. Identification with DNA is very costly and requires a comparison sample of a close family member which is not always available.

PROBLEM

In many cases of unidentified human remains the only available ante-mortem comparison material is a number of photos of missing persons.



Identification method: **Craniofacial Superimposition**



Narrow down the number of possible candidates through Craniofacial Superimposition and photographs of the disappeared.



Reducing time and effort for the identification experts.



Skeleton-ID provides the team with a completely new approach to the identification process, and allows them to work on cases that would otherwise be impossible to solve with existing tools.



All positive identifications that were established with Skeleton-ID were later verified with DNA.



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