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District Attorney Lisa S. Green announced a new technology for the Kern Regional Crime Laboratory that will be a valuable tool to fight gun-related crime in our community. The Evofinder Automated Ballistic Identification system is a scanning device which generates digital images in both 2D and 3D of bullets and cartridge cases for examination, comparison and correlative searches within the laboratory's databases. The Evofinder system is used internationally and in other large crime labs here in the U.S. The Evofinder system scans images of expended firearm evidence in a searchable database.

The Kern Regional Crime Laboratory Firearms and Toolmark Unit has implemented the Evofinder system and database as a screening tool to quickly obtain search results and possible links to other crimes. The unit aims to have search results into law enforcement's hands in a few weeks to provide investigative information.

To date, the Evofinder system has uncovered three new links between cases that were previously not known to be linked. These cases are currently under investigation.