



CSI
CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

The Illusion



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The Reality



• **No glitz**

• **No glamour**

• **No glory**

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• **No social life**



Costs:

**UK police investigations,
processing suspects in
custody and case
preparation has been
estimated at £2.2 billion**

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Costs:

Prosecution:

**Police officers, CSI's,
custody staff, logistics,
Scientists, CPS, barristers
£550 million**

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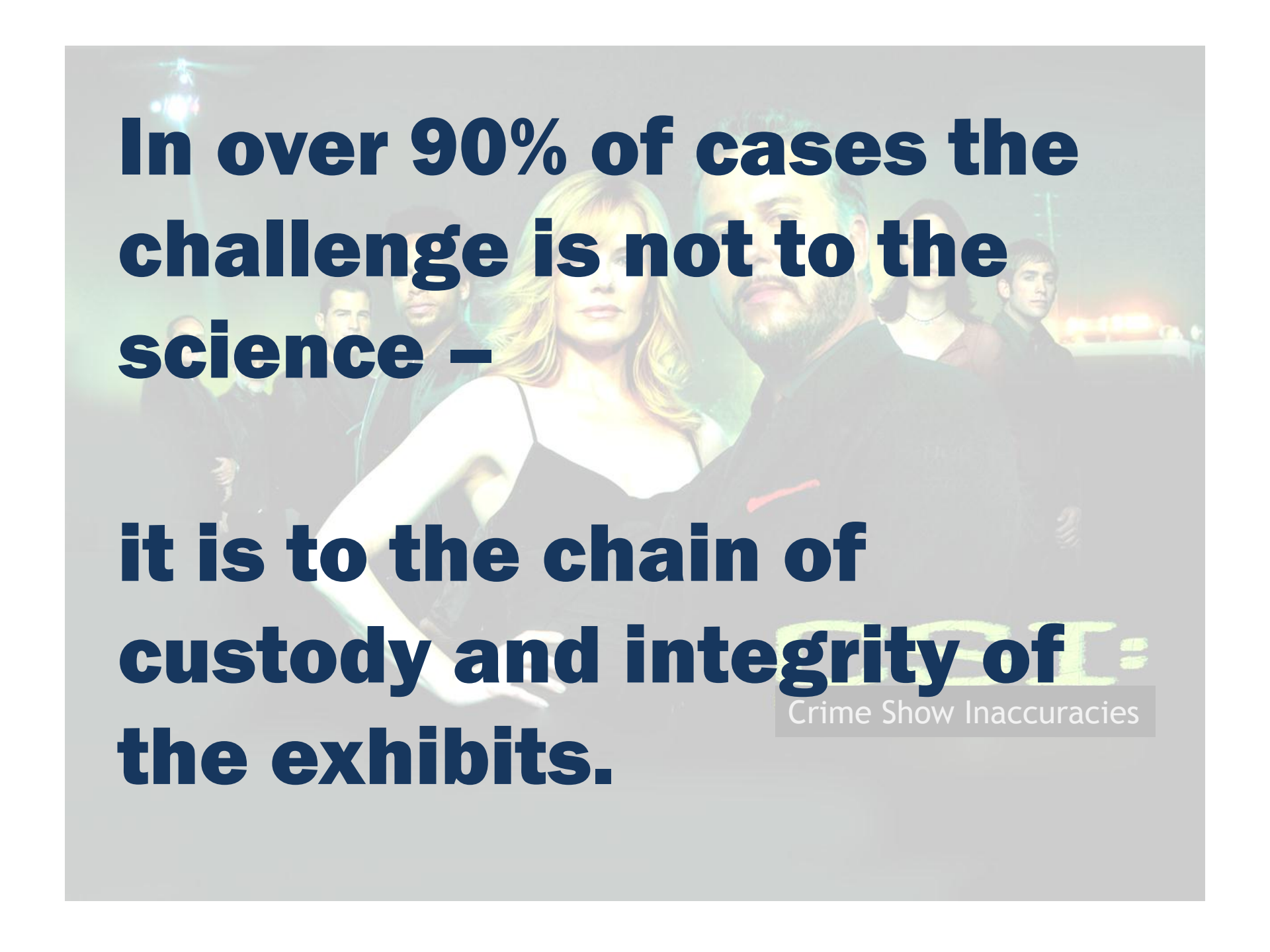
Defence:

**Defence solicitor,
barrister, defence
scientist**

Mostly legal aid funded

£360 million

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In over 90% of cases the challenge is not to the science –

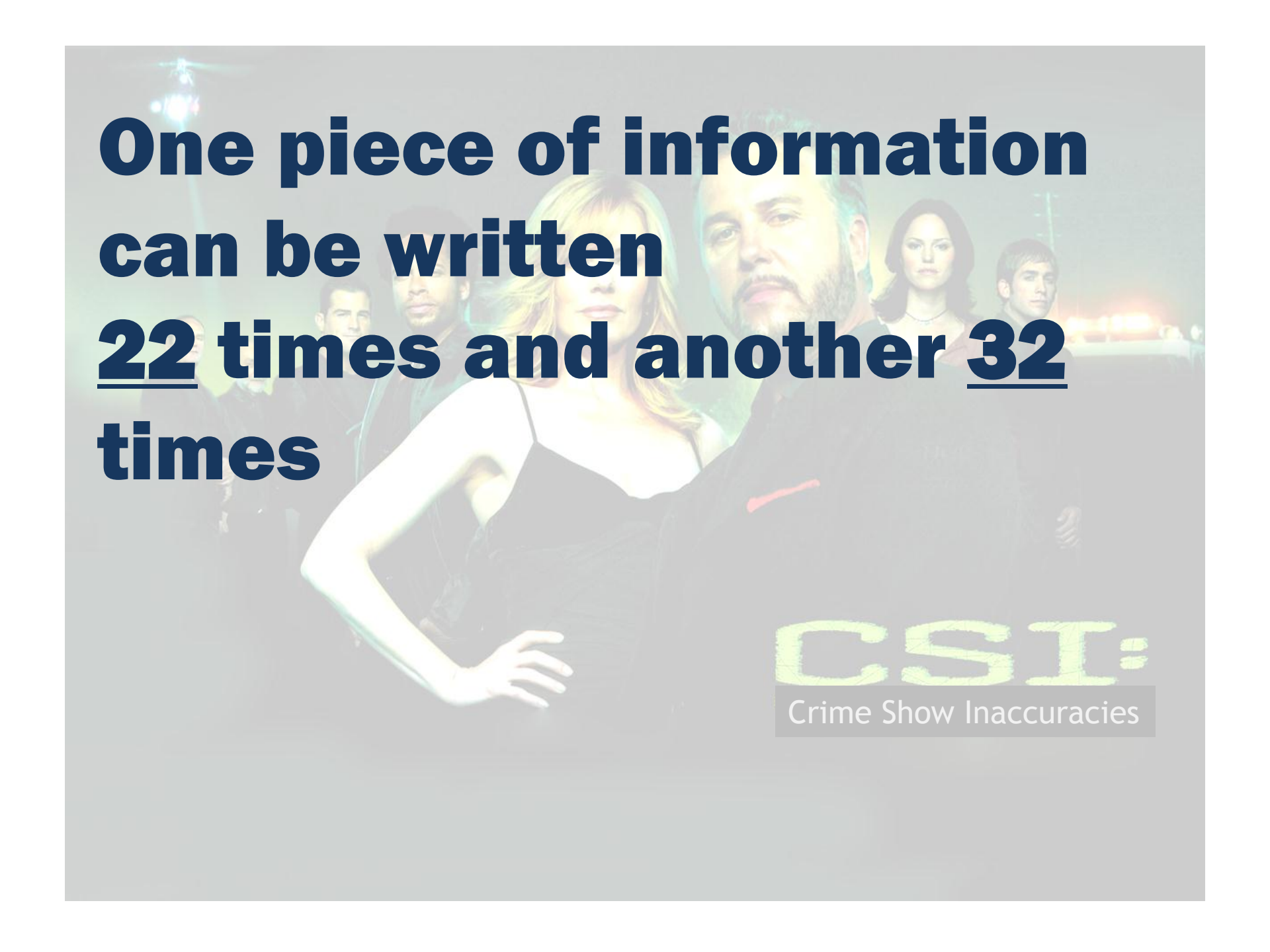
it is to the chain of custody and integrity of the exhibits.

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At one volume crime scene with minimal evidence recovery:

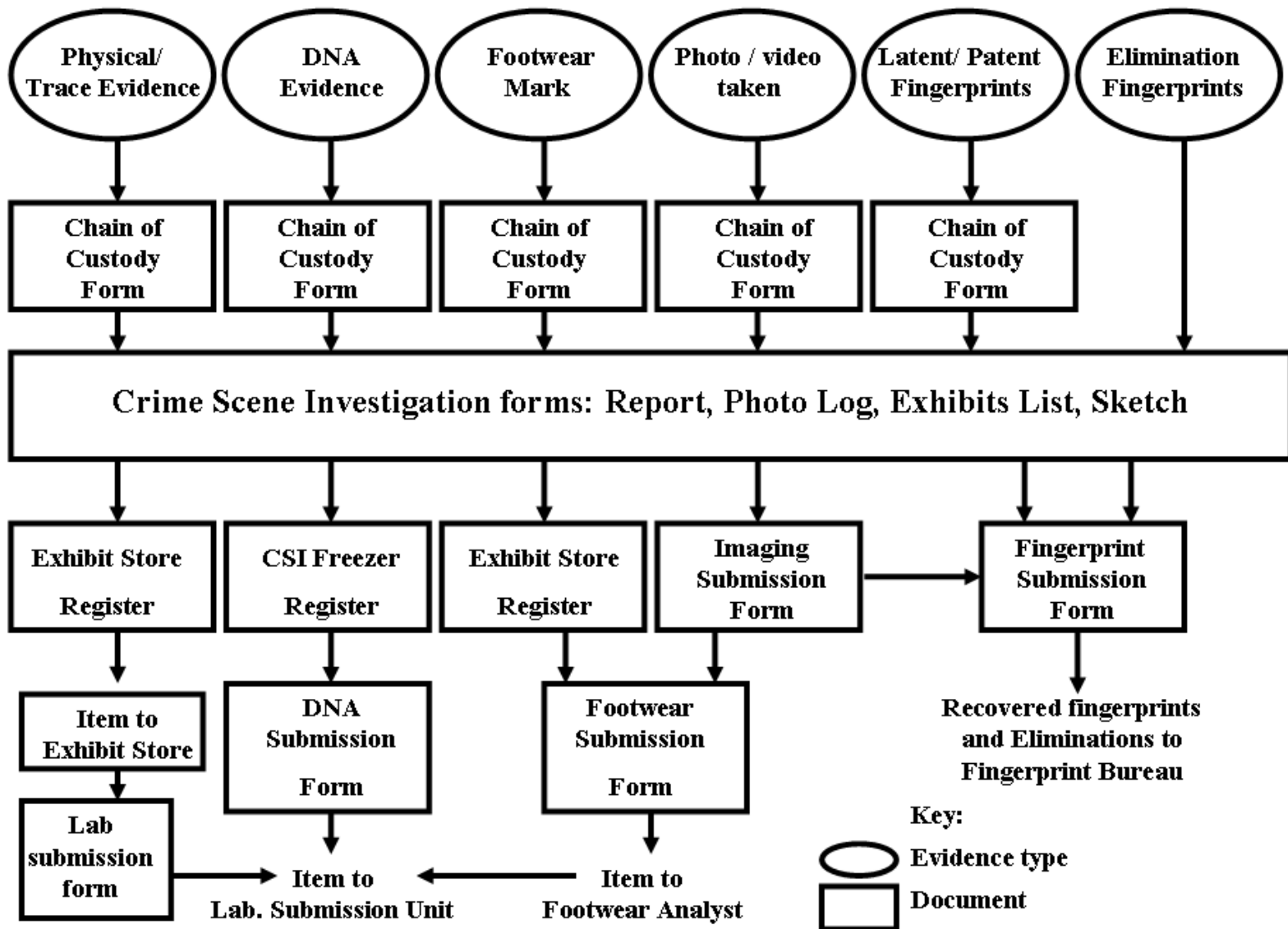



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**One piece of information
can be written
22 times and another 32
times**

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The background of the slide is a faded image of the CSI: Crime Scene Investigation cast. The text is overlaid on this image. The text is in a bold, dark blue font and is arranged in seven lines. The text reads: "21 million items of forensic evidence in the UK criminal justice system every year plus any exhibits stored for future use." The text is centered horizontally and occupies most of the vertical space of the slide. The background image shows the main characters of the show, including Gil Grissom, Sara Sidle, and others, in a crime scene setting.

21 million items of forensic evidence in the UK criminal justice system every year plus any exhibits stored for future use.

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A graphic featuring the main cast of the TV show CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The cast members are arranged in a line, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The background is a dark, outdoor scene with some lights. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, dark blue font. The text reads: "21 million exhibits X 54 documentation processes = 1,134,000,000 opportunities for error". In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "CSI: Crime Show Inaccuracies" in a yellow, pixelated font.

21 million exhibits

X

**54 documentation
processes**

= 1,134,000,000

opportunities for error

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**These are all costs if
everything goes right.**

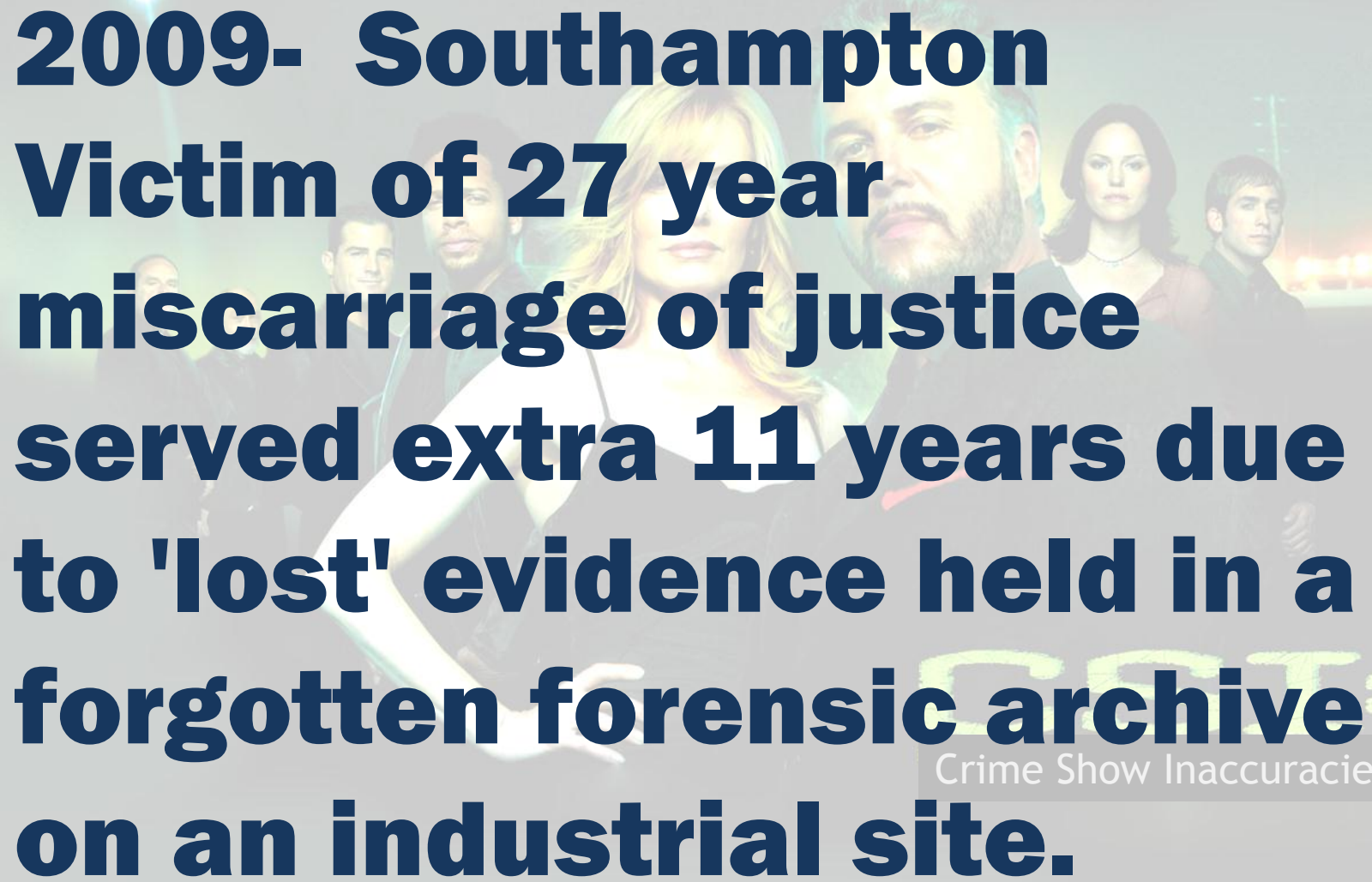
**But it can't go wrong –
Can it?**

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2003 – Ontario, Canada
Pathology samples mislaid.
Innocent suspect
remanded in custody.

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**2009- Southampton
Victim of 27 year
miscarriage of justice
served extra 11 years due
to 'lost' evidence held in a
forgotten forensic archive
on an industrial site.**

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**Every day in every court,
because of lost evidence:**

- **A guilty person can walk free.**

- **An innocent person can go to jail.**

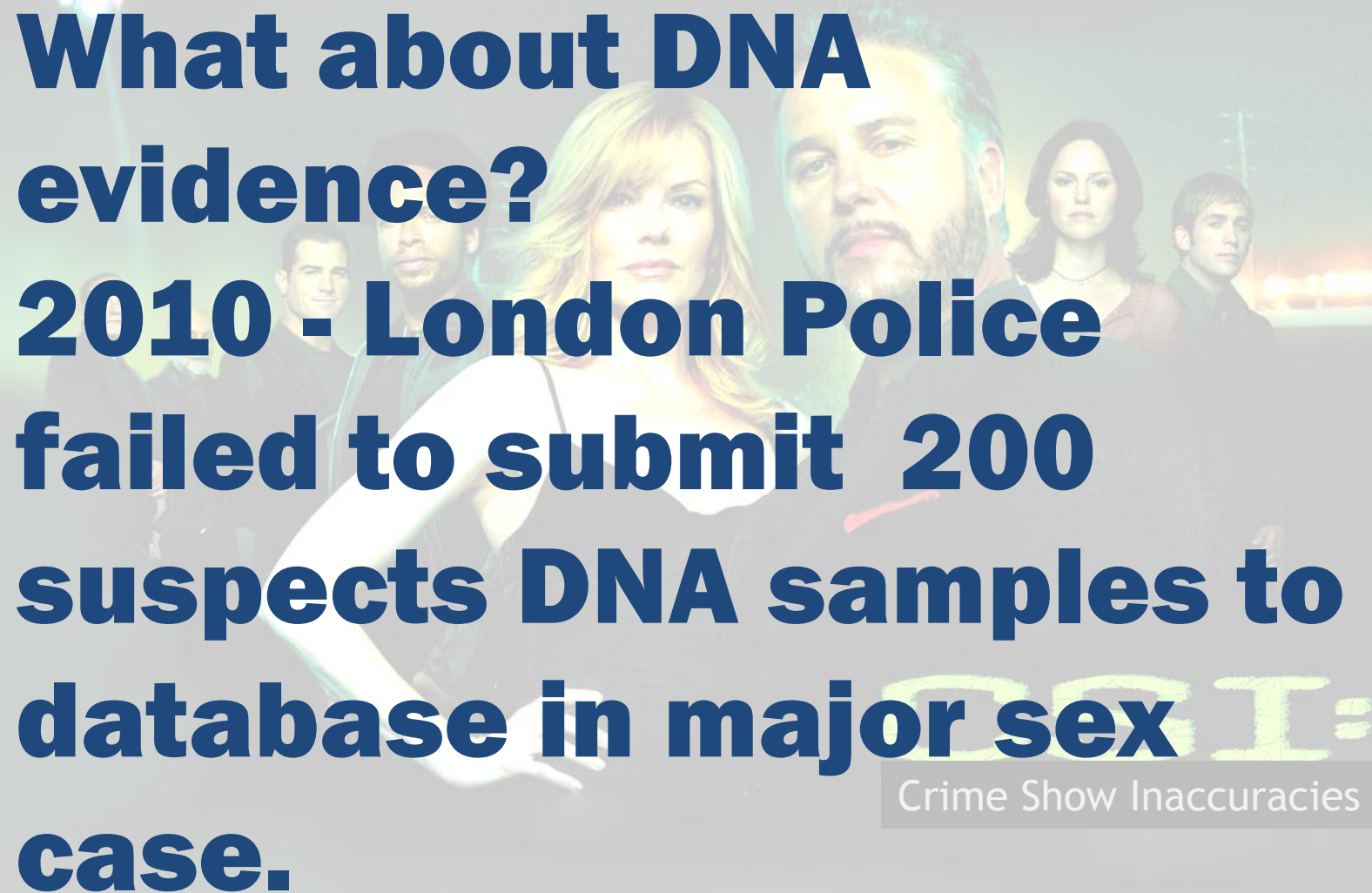
- **Victims and society are denied justice**

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Retail stores know which shelf in which stores items are displayed.

Forensic science cannot even find the store!!!

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**What about DNA
evidence?
2010 - London Police
failed to submit 200
suspects DNA samples to
database in major sex
case.**


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USA estimates are that over 30% of suspects samples do not reach the lab.

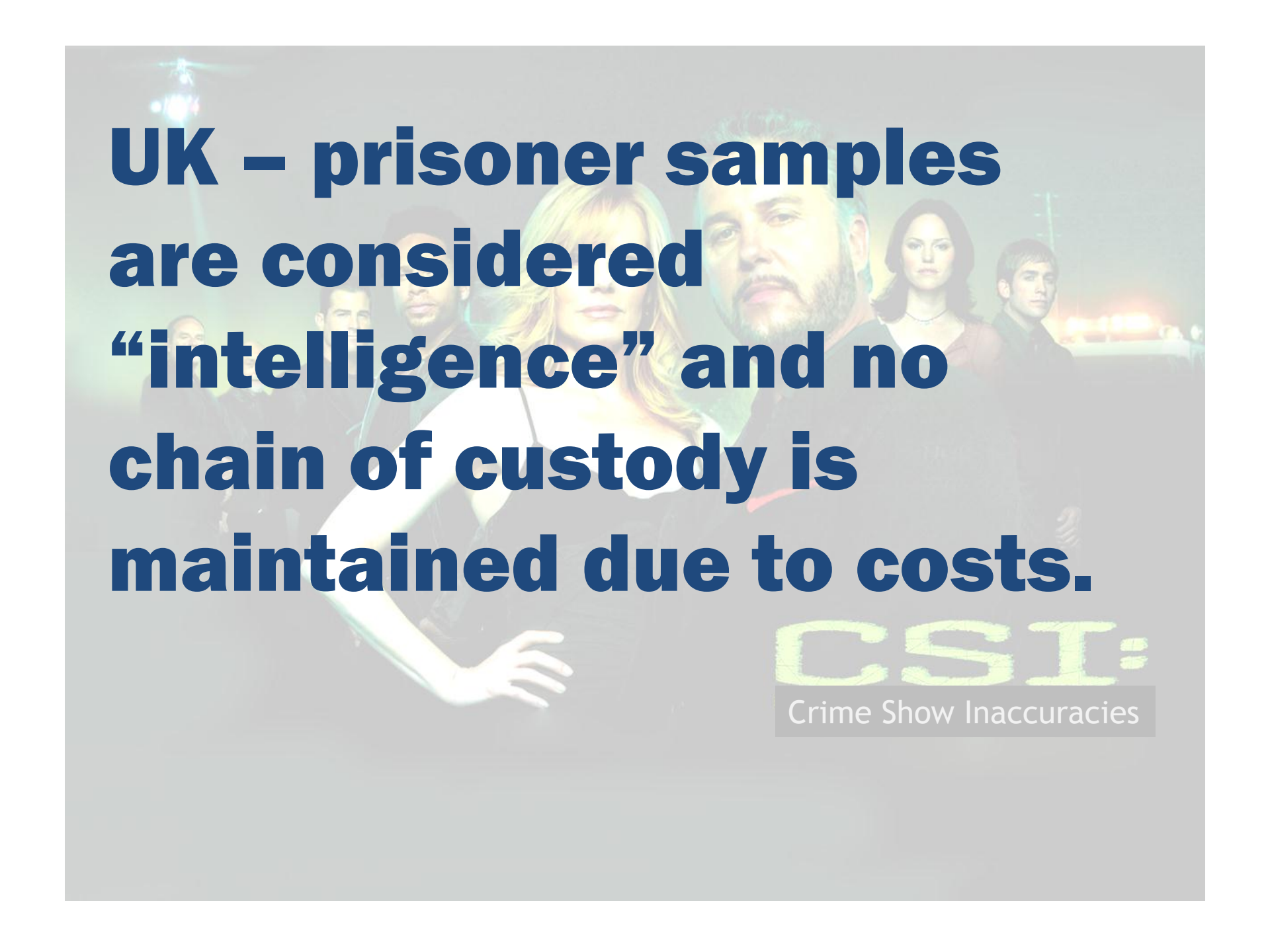
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**UK – prisoner samples
are considered
“intelligence” and no
chain of custody is
maintained due to costs.**

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Is this a mistake?

It might be as there has never been an audit carried out on number of sample kits; issued, used and submitted.

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The need for a large bureaucracy to manage evidence can be replaced with smart technology:

- **Smart pens “write information once”.**

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- **Matrix codes on packaging.**
- **Backed by surface feature technology as authentication.**

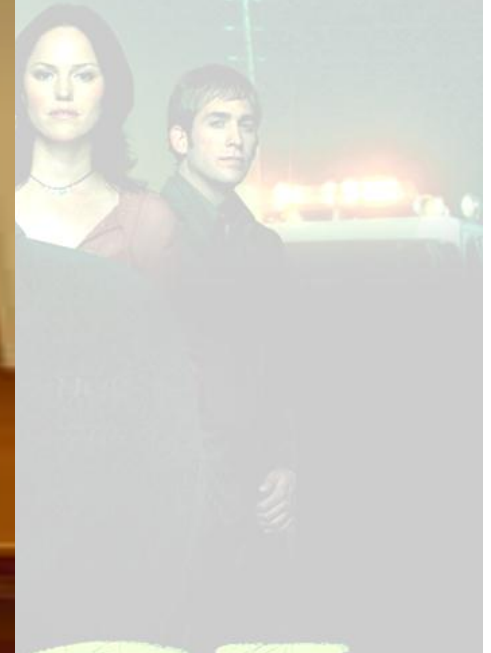
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Any questions?