

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT? THE HOUNDS OF HATFILL AND THE FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE

Okay, earlier I made a mostly flippant comment on the dogs in the Hatfill case. Despite it being mostly in jest, that comment had what I consider to be a critical, *if not the critical*, point in it. From what it appears, the only bit of “evidence” (and I use that descriptor loosely here, and in the generic sense, because I don’t think there was any proper evidence at all) against Hatfill that served as the basis for identifying him was that the dogs had alerted. How well does the dog scent evidence hold up to scrutiny? Not so well it turns out.