

Fingerprints expert creates unique silver jewellery

My police work sure has come in handy!

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FINGERPRINTS expert Ali White has swapped ink for silver after starting her own line of unique jewellery.

The former police investigator has made an interesting career change after almost a decade coming face-to-face with some of the North East's most hardened criminals.

Ali, 46, was made redundant from North Yorkshire police, where she was responsible for taking fingerprints and interviewing crooks.

Now she is using her knowledge of fingerprints to turn them into special pieces of jewellery.

She even does hand and foot prints, taking her fingerprinting skills to a whole new level.

Ali, from Blyth Northumberland, said: "I had a piece of the jewellery myself with my partner's fingerprints on a necklace and because of what it means to me and what a nice piece of jewellery it is, it made me want to get into it.

"It is definitely different to what I was doing.

"It is a more fun and enjoyable way of using the skills I used with the police.

"I do hand prints and footprints as well now. It is a slightly different technique. The fingerprint goes straight into the silver but hand-prints and footprints were different and that is something I had to

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learn." Ali said her bespoke charms give people something different, they can keep forever.

"Putting your child's fingerprint into silver captures their youth forever," she said.

"Parents find it a source of comfort as every time they touch their necklace or bracelet they can feel the fingerprint. Of course it's not just children's prints I do. I also take adults' prints as well.

"I have my partner's print in my necklace and when I was having tough days at work I would touch it and it would relax me. I can travel all over the North East."

The job has also led to some poignant encounters for Ali.

She added: "There's something about having a piece of jewellery that your family or friends have touched that makes it special. There is also the very sensitive side of this - as those suffering from bereavement have asked me to take prints.

"One lady rang me after she lost her husband and said she still feels he is with her as his fingerprint is a bracelet which she constantly wears."

Visit www.unique-impressions.co.uk, or call Ali on 07976 969164.

Teacher watched explicit videos

A TEACHER downloaded 400 sex snaps on his work computer and watched explicit videos during school hours, watchdogs have ruled.

Peter Michael Evens accessed porn websites during his time at Bothal Middle School, in Ashington, Northumberland, over a six-month period.

By January 2007 he was increasingly using his work laptop to watch as much as three hours of sex videos in just one day.

During interviews at a disciplinary hearing, he admitted to breaching regulations and issued an apology to board members in June 2007.

But now he has escaped with just a reprimand from the General Teaching Council, because of "health and family circumstances" that led to his actions.

The teacher buckled under stress because of his own health problems and that of a close family member, the committee was told.

He began to download images and videos over a six-month period in 2006.

The panel ruled: "We find that Mr Evens' actions fell below those expected of a registered teacher."

SILVER SERVICE Former police investigator Ali White, who creates jewellery using fingerprints and footprints



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