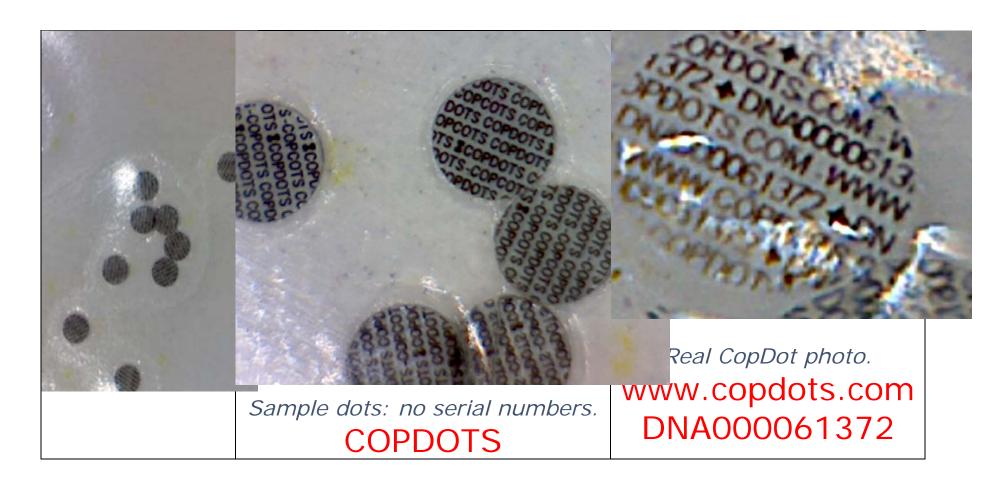
## **CopDots**

- Briefing by CopDots company at APD Headquarters on Aug. 27
  - o Deputy Chief John Dalton
  - o Other officers
  - Neighborhood reps (Midtown, Peoplestown, Buckhead)
- CopDots are in use in many Florida cities.
- CopDots are tiny flat disks the size of sand grains
- Serial numbers micro-printed on each disk
- CopDots come in a tube of glue
- The glue glows purple under black light

## CopDots - Sample Photos



## CopDots Purchasing and Database

- CopDot glue tubes sold by Lowes for \$29.98
- All serial numbers in a tube are the same
- Each tube has a different serial number
- Each tube is good for marking 50 items
- Purchaser registers name, address, phone, email into database
- Only police have access to the database

## Once a Crime Happens

- Recovered property taken to police property room where officer uses no-cost black light to look for dots
- Officer uses 60X no-cost viewer to read/photograph dots
- Officer enters dot number into web site to access database
  - Police learn owner identity/address/etc.
  - Purchaser gets email saying police accessed their dot number
- Police can check to see if information matches a crime report
- Photo of dot can be used in court as evidence to convict thief
- Police return property to rightful owner (often impossible now)