Evidence Card for Investigator #4 – Frankincense

Wherever you go in Salalah, you smell Frankincense, the fragrance used in Catholic – and other religions’ – ceremonies. Frankincense is the sap from a particular tree, which grows in southern Arabia. The sap is scraped off, and dried nuggets of it are burned to produce the distinctive aroma. Historically, the Dhofar region, of which Salalah is a part, and nearby regions of Yemen produced most of the Church’s incense. Now, however, the trees are also grown in China, which has taken over the “holy” trade!