

Curriculum Vitae

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Forensic Evidence Examiner: Latent Fingerprint and Footwear Impression Analysis

2001-present

Forensic Press / Wake Forest, North Carolina

Latent print and footwear evidence defense expert for North Carolina Indigent Defense Services.
North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission Footwear and Fingerprint Evidence Consultant.
Duke Law School Innocence Project consultant.
Wake Forest Law School evidence consultant.
Forensic Press pro bono casework review and consultation.
Multimedia video production and instructional fingerprint tutorial development.

1982-2001

City/County Bureau of Identification / Raleigh, North Carolina

Latent fingerprint, automated fingerprint identification and footwear evidence examiner, retired 2001.
Primary duties consisted of fulltime casework analysis in latent print and footwear evidence.
Testified in state and federal courts in approximately 350 cases as an expert in the comparative analysis of latent print and footwear evidence. Retired in 2001.

1975-1982

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation Crime Laboratory

Special Agent, latent print and footwear evidence examiner, assistant latent evidence section supervisor.
Testified in approximately 50 cases as an expert in the comparative analysis of latent print and footwear evidence.

1972-1975

Federal Bureau of Investigation / Washington D.C.

Fingerprint technician assigned to the Technical Section of the Identification Division.
Searched arrest fingerprint cards in FBI database utilizing the Henry Classification System.

Specialized Training, Professional Affiliations and Certifications

- 1972: FBI Science of Fingerprints Course: 540 hours
- 1979: SBI Latent Evidence Section Latent Print Apprenticeship Training, 18 months
- 1981: Awarded the North Carolina Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate
- 1993-present: Member of the International Association of Identification (IAI)
- 1994-2007: International Association for Identification Certified Latent Print Examiner (CLPE)
- 1996-2010: International Association for Identification Certified Footwear Examiner (CFWE)
- 1983-2002: North Carolina Basic Law Enforcement Certified Instructor (BLET)

Education

1972 Graduate of Carmel High School for Boys / Mundelein, Illinois
1977 Wake Technical Community College: Associate in Arts, Police Science Technology
1981 North Carolina Wesleyan College: Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice, cum laude and departmental honors

Academic Curricula Development and Publications

2013-present

- Authored the Friction Ridge Examiner Competency Training Initiative certified by International Association for Identification for professional training certification and re-certification training credits.
- Published ***Fingerprint Practitioner Workbook***, ISBN 0-9650202-3-1

2010-2012

Awarded DOJ earmark grant from Wake Tech for the *Friction Ridge Examiner Competency Training Initiative*. Designed digital classroom, latent print workstations, video-based tutorial lesson plans and PrintScore™ operative assignments and training exercises.

2007-2010

Developed and instructed fingerprint curriculum for the Wake Tech Criminal Justice Program: *Friction Ridge Analysis CJC 245 Introduction and CJC 246 Advanced*.

2004-2008

Developed forensic curriculum with operative exercises for college-level instruction and professional crime lab training. Publications with lesson plans:

- The Illustrated Lecture of Fingerprint Identification
- Fingerprint Comparison
- Latent Print Development with Magnetic Powder
- Latent Print Processing with Ninhydrin
- Cyanoacrylate Fuming
- Footwear Identification
- Mock Crime Scene Investigation

2004-present

Developed forensic evidence curriculum for Law Tech Custom Publishing, San Clemente, Ca.

Publication with lesson plans: ***Fingerprint and Impression Analysis Workbook***, ISBN: 978-1-889315-95-9

2004-2007

Developed forensic evidence curricula for Holt, Rinehart & Winston science textbooks, Austin, Texas.

Publications and Lesson Plans: Classroom Forensics™ & Scientific Inquiry

1996-2007

Joint publication, training and product development with John Carrington at Sirchie Finger Print Labs, Inc. Youngsville, NC. Publications, lesson plans and operative assignments

- The AFIS Curriculum (Three day instructional workshop) 2000-2003
- The Science at Your Fingertips Educational Series
- PrintScore™ 100-300 Fingerprint Comparison Exercises
- TrakScore™ Footwear Comparison Exercises

1996

Established Forensic Press / Raleigh, NC.

Authored Classroom Forensics™ publications, lesson plans and operative assignments.

- **Fingerprint Discoveries: *The Illustrated Textbook of Fingerprint Identification***. ISBN 0-9650202-0-7
- **Fingerprint Discoveries Workbook: *Assignments, Projects and Tests***. ISBN 0-9605202-2-03

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