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Curriculum Vitae

EXPERIENCE: In private practice since FBI retirement October, 1989 (worked estimated 1,530 private cases since retirement from FBI); 11 years as Forensic Document Examiner at FBI Laboratory (worked thousands of cases); 4 years as Forensic Chemist at FBI Laboratory (worked hundreds of cases); 4 months with Commonwealth of Virginia as Forensic Examiner of Questioned Documents (worked estimated 150 cases); 6 years with Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department (worked estimated 800 cases); in last few months of 1997, worked estimated 250 chemistry cases (drugs) for Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department as contract Forensic Chemist; prior to 20 years of service with FBI, worked as high school physics and chemistry teacher for one year; 11 years as Naval Aviator (retired Lieutenant Commander, USNR – flew jet attack airplanes as Pilot-in-Command, gave flight instruction in jets and props, worked with Naval Security Group as Russian linguist)

EDUCATION: BS (Pre-Medical Sciences), Youngstown College, Youngstown, Ohio (1955); Naval Air Training Command (designated Naval Aviator, 1957); 9 semester hours of education courses while working as high school physics/chemistry teacher at Jacksonville Beach, Florida (1968-1969); 14 weeks training to qualify as FBI Special Agent, Quantico, Virginia; two years of FBI Laboratory training to qualify as Forensic Examiner of Questioned Documents (1975-1977); Master of Science in Forensic Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, DC (1977); Certified Flight Instructor in Airplanes and Certified Instrument Flight Instructor FAA ratings at Shamrock School of Aeronautics at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (1970); Defense Language Institute at Monterey, California (Russian) while in Naval Service (1963); Defense Language Institute at Monterey, California (Russian) while in FBI (1972); Airline Transport Pilot Training and FAA Certification at Woodruff Airport, Woodbridge, Virginia (1977); one year of training at FBI Laboratory to qualify as Forensic Chemist (1979-1980)

KIND OF WORK AS FORENSIC EXAMINER OF QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS: Side-by-side comparisons of questioned and known handwriting/handprinting, typewriting, printing; determination of nature of alterations-erasures-obliterations to documents; chemical and physical identification of inks; raising of indented writing; other examinations of questioned documents

TRAINING FOR WORK AS FORENSIC EXAMINER OF QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS: Two years at FBI Laboratory of formal classroom work, reading of numerous books and articles, working cases with experienced qualified Forensic Examiners of Questioned Documents.

CERTIFICATION: By FBI as Forensic Examiner of Questioned Documents and by FBI as Forensic Chemist

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION: Associate member of American Academy of Forensic Sciences

TESTIMONIES: 164 as Forensic Examiner of Questioned Documents; 24 as Forensic Chemist

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Airplane ratings by Federal Aviation Administration include Airline Transport Pilot, Certified Flight Instructor in Airplanes/Instruments (Gold Seal) and Advanced/Instrument Ground Instructor; teach Pilot Ground Schools (Sport/Private/Instrument/Commercial) at Central Piedmont Community College, but College has temporarily suspended these classes, Charlotte, North Carolina; have translated numerous scientific/technical articles and two aviation books from Russian to English