



Technical Background and Qualifications of Principals

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Introduction.

Thank you for your interest in Affiliated Fingerprint Consultants. Our intent and practice is to serve all members of the legal community, including the criminal justice system and the civil legal arena. Our service extends to private individuals, businesses, and both public and private institutions. We offer the opportunity for independent and objective review and analysis of fingerprint evidence. Affiliated Fingerprint Consultants takes pride in using only carefully selected affiliates who meet stringent qualifications, and have a proven track record of quality and integrity.

Principals.

The two principals of the business are Robert Tavernaro and Steven Anderson, both Certified Latent Print Examiners (by the International Association for Identification [IAI]). Each has over 25 years of experience in the science of fingerprint identification, including local and state law enforcement agencies, and extending to both civil and criminal defense work.

Expertise.

Our expertise and experience includes crime scene and evidentiary photography (including digital photography), crime scene processing for latent prints, laboratory processing for latent prints (including LASER, alternative Forensic Light Sources, powder, magna-powder, and numerous chemical methods); the analysis, comparison, and evaluation of both known and unknown prints (including both fingerprints and shoeprints); and the presentation of our findings in court.

Experience.

During the past thirty (30) plus years, Mr. Tavernaro and Mr. Anderson have worked cases for municipal, county, and state agencies, as well as many federal government agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), U. S. Army, U.S. Air Force, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Secret Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF).

Mr. Tavernaro and Mr. Anderson have qualified and testified numerous times as fingerprint identification experts in state and federal courts, including Arizona, California, and Oregon. Mr. Tavernaro has also qualified and testified on shoeprint identification. They have also provided technical assistance in the analysis and questioning of opposing fingerprint experts, including recognition in Federal District Court as a technical advisor for fingerprint testimony.

Mr. Anderson's and Mr. Tavernaro's court appearances total well over two hundred (200) cases, and combined have given testimony in approximately fifty (50) murder cases for the prosecution. Their testimony has also been requested by the defense in many cases. Testimony has been provided for the defense in recent years in the following murder cases: Arizona v John Henry Carpenter, Arizona v Dale Bertsch, and Arizona v John Henry Knapp. Mr. Tavernaro has additionally proved expert services including testimony to the Maricopa County, Coconino County, and Mohave County Public Defender Offices in the state of Arizona.

Relevant Specialized Training.

Specialized training for both principals includes successful completion of the F.B.I.'s Basic Latent Print Course, and their Advanced Latent Print Course. Mr. Tavernaro and Mr. Anderson have both had the honor of being selected on multiple occasions to attend the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, participating in the Administrative Advanced Latent Print School, as well as the Latent Print Photography School. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tavernaro have attended numerous IAI seminars and Educational Conferences, and Arizona Identification Council training and educational functions.

Additional.

Mr. Tavernaro has served as the Arizona representative to the IAI, is past president of the Arizona Identification Council, and past chairman of the Arizona Latent Print Certification Committee. In addition to being a highly qualified Latent Print Examiner, Mr. Anderson has extensive experience with criminal justice system records management, including integration with an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

Both Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tavernaro have been certified in the state of Arizona as Instructors, and have taught various aspects of the science of fingerprint identification for law enforcement academies, criminal justice and governmental agencies, the Arizona Identification Council, the International Association for Identification, Phoenix College, and Northern Pioneer College. Mr. Tavernaro is also currently an on the faculty for Everest College in Phoenix, Arizona.