

**FINGERPRINT EXAMINER / EVIDENCE PHOTOGRAPHY
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Comparative analysis, including Latent Finger/Palm/Foot Print examination and identification; Digital imaging and enhancement; Crime scene, accident, and evidence photography; Fingerprint classification and identification, including deceased; Obtaining fingerprint exemplars (inked finger and palmprints); Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS); Footwear examination and comparison; Forensic photography; Crime scene investigation related to the search for, collection, and preservation of physical evidence; Instruction in the science of fingerprints and forensic photography.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS (current and past):

Certified Latent Print Examiner	by International Association for Identification
Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst	by International Association for Identification
Certified AZAFIS Latent Terminal Operator	by Arizona Automated Fingerprint Identification System / Fingerprint Identification Bureau
Certified Instructor	by Arizona Law Enforcement Officer Advisory Council

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

International Association for Identification
Office: Past Arizona Regional Rep.
Arizona Identification Council
Office: Past Chairman, Board of Directors; Past President
Arizona Regional Latent Print Certification Committee
Office: Past Chairman

EXPERIENCE:

Qualified numerous times as an expert witness in Latent Print identification in Arizona Justice, Juvenile and Superior Courts; California Superior Court and Federal District Courts.

Qualified and testified as an expert witness in Arizona Superior Court on latent gloveprint identification.

Qualified and testified as an expert witness in Arizona Superior Court on footwear examination and comparison.

Latent Print development and identification since 1975

Fingerprint classification and identification since 1973.

Forensic photography since 1975.

Crime scene investigations since 1975.

Teaching various phases of the science of fingerprints since 1975, including in-service; Phoenix College, Northland Pioneer College, Everest College; International Association for Identification, and Arizona Identification Council sponsored seminars.

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EDUCATION & TRAINING:

F.B.I. Universal Latent Workstation AFIS Training	2003, Phoenix, AZ
IAI Courtroom Testimony Techniques	2001, Scottsdale, AZ
F.B.I. Latent Print Photography School	1999, Phoenix, AZ
Forensic Ridgeology Course	1999, Phoenix, AZ
Advanced Palm Print Identification	1997, Phoenix, AZ
Advanced Ridgeology Comparison Techniques	1996, Flagstaff, AZ
Spectrum '91 Intl. Symposium of Forensic Ident.	1991, Detroit, MI
F.B.I. Admin. Advanced Latent Print Course	1988, FBI Academy
Adv. Forensic Laser School, Cooper Lasersonics	1986, Pleasanton, CA
F.B.I. Latent Print Photography Course	1985, FBI Academy
MedicoLegal Homicide Investigation	1982, Phoenix, AZ
Police Instructor Workshop	1981, Phoenix, AZ
F.B.I. Advanced Latent Print School	1978, Tucson, AZ
F.B.I. Basic Latent Print Class	1976, Phoenix, AZ
Fingerprint Class. & Ident., Phoenix Police Dept.	1973, Phoenix, AZ

International Association for Identification (IAI),

Educational Conference	2007, San Diego, CA
Educational Conference	2005, Dallas, TX
Educational Conference	2002, Las Vegas, NV
Educational Conference	1998, Little Rock, AR
Educational Conference	1996, Greensboro, NC
Educational Conference	1994, Phoenix, AZ
Educational Conference	1993, Orlando, FL
Educational Conference	1991, St. Louis, MO
Educational Conference	1990, Nashville, TN
Educational Conference	1989, Pensacola, FL
Educational Conference	1985, Savannah, GA
Educational Conference.	1981, Santa Monica, CA
Educational Conference	1979, Phoenix, AZ

Numerous Seminars, Workshops & Annual Conferences

Az. Identification Council	1977 - 2004, AZ
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Evidence Technology / Police Science, Office Management

Phoenix College	1973 - 76, Phoenix, AZ
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EMPLOYMENT: (In Fingerprint/Forensic Field)

Affiliated Fingerprint Consultants, Owner / Operator	2004 - Present
Everest College, Phoenix, AZ, Adjunct Professor	2005 - Present
Arizona Department of Public Safety, Latent Print Examiner	1980 - 2004 (Retired)
Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, Identification Tech.	1975 - 1980
Fingerprint Clerk	1972 - 1975

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HONORS AND AWARDS:

Officer of the Month	Optimist International	August 1977
Medal of Merit	Phoenix Police Department	February 1979
Director's Unit Citation	Arizona D.P.S	October 1982
Director's Unit Citation	Arizona D.P.S	July, 1991

Over 75 letters of commendation from supervisors, investigators, outside agencies, and citizens.