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8:00a 8:30a - 5:00p	Tuesday, April 29,1997 Registration for DNA session DNA Workshop (Ballroom A) "DNA Statistics Course" by Dr. Bruce Weir, North Carolina State University
10:00a - 3:00p 8:30a - 5:00p 9:00a - 11:00a 2:00p - 6:00p	Wednesday, April 30, 1997 MAAFS registration (Lobby) DNA workshop (Ballroom A) Set-up for exhibitors (Commonwealth Room) ABC exam for general Knowledge, Fire debris, Drugs, Moderator: Karolyn Leclaire Tontarski
12:30a - 5:15	General Session (Ballroom C,D) Moderator: Chris Bryant, Va. DFS
12:30a - 12:45a	Opening remarks by Dr. Paul Ferrara, Director of Virginia Division of Forensic Science
12:45p - 1:45p 1:45p - 2:30p	"Computer Forensics" by Howard Schmidt "Brambleton Ave Murder"- Det. Rick Moore, Det. Jeff Herrick of Roanoke Co. Police Dept
2:30p - 3:00p	"Search and Seizure" by Officer Thor, Roanoke
3:00p - 3:15p 3:15p - 4:15p	Break (Commonwealth Room) "Search Warrants" by Sheriff Reed Kelly, Botetourt Co. Sheriff's Dept
4:15p - 4:45p	"Working with Experts Witnesses" by Tom Bondurant US Attorney Boancho
4:45p - 5:15p 5:15p - 5:30p	"Computer Counterfeits" by Gordon Menzies, VaDFS Introduction to Division of Forensic Science's New Western Va laboratory by Steve Sigel
5:30p - 6:30p 1:00p - 5:00p 6:00p - 7:30p	Tour of Lab Exhibitors (Commonwealth Room) Hospitality room
	Thursday, May 1, 1997
8:00a 8:00a - 5:00p 8:30a - 12:00n	MAAFS registration (Lobby) Exhibitors (Commonwealth Room) DNA workshop (Ballroom A)
8:30a - 12:00n	General session (Ballroom B,C,D) Moderator:
8:30a - 9:50a	"Digital Imaging Overview for Law Enforcement"
9:50a - 10:05a 10:05a -12:00n	Break sponsored by JEOL, USA, Inc. "Suspect Profiling" by Dr.Isaac VanPatten, PhD Clinical Psychologist and Radford University
12:00n - 1:00p	only)
1:00p - 5:00p	TWGDAM (Ballroom A) Moderator: Lynnda Watson, Baltimore Co. Police, Forensic Services

1:00p-5:00p	Trace section(Ballroom B) Moderator: Sue
1:00p - 1:30p	"Wayne Williams Revisited" by Hal Deadman,
1:30p - 2:00p	George Washington University "Considerations for a Lab moving into the field of Gunshot Residue by Automated SEM/EDX" by
2:00p - 5:00p	TWGMAT (Ballroom B) TWGMAT Introduction: Edward Bartick, TWGMAT Chair, A brief overview followed by guideline progress
	Panel discussion:"Techniques in the Trace Forensic Laboratory" Panel: Hal Deadman, George Washington University Max Houck, FBI Hairs and Fiber Unit
	Ron Menold, II, FBI Open Discussion: Group participation concerning
3:00p - 3:15p 5:15p - 6:15p	Break (Commonwealth room)sponsored by Analtech MAAFS Business meeting (Ballroom B,C,D)
1:00p-5:00p	Chemistry section (Ballroom C)Moderator:Diane
1:00p - 1:15p	"Detection of Drugs in HairIs the Hair Material Material?" by Charlie R. Midkiff, The
1:15p - 1:45p	Merican University. "Enantiomer Determination of Illicit Methamphetamine and Amphetamine Street Samples Using Cyclodextrin-modified Free Zone Capillary Electrophorosis" by Jerry Walker DEA Washington
1:45p - 2:15p	"Identification of LSD on Single Blotter Tabs via GC/MS Using Electronic Pressure Controls(EPC) and Pulsed Split Injection" by Thomas M. Blackwell DEA Midatlantic
2:15p - 2:45p	"Methcathinone: Chemistry and Clandestine Lab Synthesis" by Thomas P. Simpson, Va.DES
2:45p - 3:00p	"Chemist Inconvenience Act" By Willie Kiser and Mike Mayo, Va. Division of Forensic Science
3:00p - 3:15p 3:15p - 3:45p	Break (Commonwealth Room)sponsored by Analtech "Current Drugs Under Review by DEA" by Clyde Richardson, DEA Office of Diversion Control
3:45p - 5:00p	Discussion and presentations on "newer" Drugs including Ketamine, Gamma Hydroxbutrate, Tramadol, Butorphanol Harmine Newus
5:15p- 6:15p	MAAFS Business Meeting (Ballroom B,C,D)
1:00p-3:45p	Document(Ballroom D)Moderator: Elizabeth James, FBI
1:00p - 1:15p	"Counterfeit Checks" by Kirsten Jackson, IRS Forensic Science Laboratory, Silver Spring, MD
1:15p - 1:30p	"One Crime, One Criminal, Three Different Confessions by Robert M. Black and Gerhard W. Wendt, Penn State Police.

1:30 - 2:00p	"Photogrammetry as a Means to Detect Photographic Deception " by Richard W. Vorder- Brueggo FBL Washington
2:00p - 2:15p	"Brother Electronic Label Machine: Label Production, Ribbon Legibility and Identification" by Gordon Menzies, Va.Division
2:15p - 2:30p	of Forensic Science "A Forensic Application of Tape" by Tom Dewan,
2:30p - 2:45p	FBI washington DC "Stamping Out Confusion: Proper Identification and Evaluation of US Postage Stamps" by Peter
2:45p - 3:00p	Belcastro, Jr. FBI, Washington "A Paper on the Flawed Report of Risinger, Denbeaux and Saks Criticizing the Forensic Science Discipline of Document Examination" by
3:00p - 3:15p 3:15p - 3:30p	Renee L. Hazen, FBI Washington Break (Commonwealth room)sponsored by Analtech "Have You Seen This Title" by Debra Campbell, DC Metropolitan Police Dept. Washington DS
3:30 - 3:45p (cancelled)	"After-Market Firing Pins'Effect Firing Pin Impressions" by Corey Turbeville, BATF
5:15p - 6:15p 6:15p - 7:30p	MAAFS business meeting (Ballroom B,C,D) Hospitality room
	Friday, May 2, 1997
8:00a - 12:00n 8:30a-11:45a	Exhibitors (Commonwealth Room) Forensic biology and Latents (Ballroom A)
8:30a - 9:00a	Moderator:Elizabeth Bush "Fingerprint Patterns: What went wrong in the Collaborative Testing Service Latent Fingerprint
9:00a - 9:30a	Test" by Dr.Walter Rowe, George Washington Unv. Development and Validation of the AmpFISTR
9:30a - 10:00a	Profiler Kit by Sean Walsh, Perkin Elmer "The trials and Tribulations of Validating
	Ladder" by Mary Dawson and Meredith Monroe,
10:00a - 10:15a	Maryland State Police Crime Lab.
10:15a - 10:30a	"STR Validation Studies of Mixed Stains" by
10:30a - 10:45a	Amanda Blanchard, Virginia Commonwealth Univ. "Precision Study of STR Analysis of the FFFL Loci using the FMBIO-100 Fluorescent Imaging
10:45a - 11:15a	System" by Michelle Upshaw, Va.Commonwealth Univ "Automated Fluorescent Detection of STR Multiplexes The GENEPRINT POWERPLEX and FFFL
11:15a - 11:45a	MUTIPLEX Systems by James Schumm by Promega Corp "Did the Supreme Court in Daubert Adopt an Obsolete Model of Science" by Dr.Walter Rowe, The George Washington University, Washington,DC.

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8:30a-12:45p	General Session (Ballroom B,C,D), Moderator: James Waller, Va DFS
8:30a - 9:00a	"An Automated Case Tracking System" by Wayne Adams, IBM
9:00a - 9:30a	Psychology of Testifying, by Dr. Lynwood Day,
9:30a - 10:00a	"The Development and Assessment of a Copy Toner Spectral Database by Microscopical IR Analysis"
	by Edward Bartick, FBI
10:00a - 10:15a	Break (Commonwealth room)
10:15a - 11:15a	"Legal Updates" by Rick Conway, Prince William
	Commonwealth Attorney's Office
11:15a - 11:45a	"Spontaneous Leadership or If you can walk does that make you a mountain climber?" by Carrie Whitcomb, US Postal Service
11:45a - 12:15a	"Laboratory Waste Minimization", by Jim Mudd,
12:15a - 12:45a	"Utilization of the Internet for Health, Safety and the Environment" by David Eherts, Director of Health and Safety Rhone-Poulenc, Rorer.

Thanks to all the speakers who took their time and brought their knowledge and experience to share with us.

A special thanks to all who worked so hard to make this meeting come together.

Elizabeth Bush - Hospitality Suite Pamela Cox - Registration, computer work Harold Freed - Exhibitors, door prizes Willie Kiser - Program, registration Brenda Mason - Registration Gordon Menzies - Internet, graphics and computer wizard Vickie Miller - Annoucements, and computer work All the moderators: Susan Ballou, Elizabeth Bush, Diane Catley, Elizabeth James, Micheal Mayo, Karolyn Tontarski, James Waller and Lynnda Watson.

Also a special thanks to Martin Hamilton of Fisher Scientific Company who donated all the registration packet freebies.

Hope everyone enjoyed Roanoke. Thanks for coming! - Chris Bryant

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Tuesday, April 29, 1997

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8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. DNA Workshop

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. DNA Workshop

Thursday, May 1, 1997

8:30 a.m.-noon DNA Workshop

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. TWGDAM

FORENSIC BIOLOGY AND LATENTS SESSION

Friday, May 2, 1997

Morning

8:30-9:00

<u>Identical Twin Fingerprint Patterns: What Went Wrong in Collaborative</u> <u>Testing Services Latent Fingerprint Proficiency Test</u>--by Walter F. Rowe, PhD, Department of Forensic Sciences, The George Washington University

In a recent proficiency test of latent fingerprint examiners photographs of seven visible or patent fingerprints in blood were sent along with four tenfinger fingerprint cards to 228 forensic science laboratories. This test was a part of the forensic proficiency testing program conducted by Collaborative Testing Services, Inc., of McLean, Virginia, under the aegis of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. One hundred and fiftysix of the participants responded. Misidentification rates for the seven fingerprints ranged from 2% to 29%. A critical examination of the results

of this proficiency test reveals that the highest misidentification rates (29% and 6%) were found for fingerprints made by a twin brother of one of the subjects whose fingerprint card was provided to the examiners. It has been well known for over half a century that the fingerprint patterns of identical twin are very similar. In fact, prior to the advent of DNA profiling fingerprint features such as ridge counts on loops were used to determine the probability that two siblings were identical twins. This paper will discuss the literature on identical twin fingerprints and suggest some of the pitfalls latent fingerprint examiners might confront in proficiency test were attributable to just two of the respondent laboratories. This suggests a need for better training for some latent fingerprint examiners.

9:00-9:30 <u>Development and Validation of the AmpFlSTR Profiler Kit</u>--by Sean Walsh, Perkin Elmer Applied Bioscience

> A highly discriminating co-amplified STR system has been developed by scientists at PE Applied Biosystems. The new AmpFlSTR Profiler PCR Amplification Kit coamplifies 9 STR loci and amelogenin in a single PCR. Amplitaq Gold DNA polymerase has been incorporated into the amplification to provide improved specificity. All 10 PCR amplification products can subsequently be detected in a single lane of an ABI PRISM 377 DNA Sequencing gel or in a single injection on an ABI PRISM 310 capillary electrophoresis instrument. The primers have been labeled with three dfferent dyes which allows multiple loci to be analyzed in a single lane, even when they have overlapping size ranges. Additionally, an in-lane size standard in a fourth color can be simultaneously run in the same lane to provide fragment sizing information and to correct for gel migration differences.

The development studies of the AmpFISTR Profiler kit will be discussed, including optimization studies of PCR reagent components, thermal cycling parameters, and sequencing results.

In addition, results from our Technical Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods validation studies will be described.

9:30-10:00 <u>The Trials and Tribulations of Validating Chemiluminescence: Balancing</u> <u>the Gibco BRL Ladder</u>--by Mary Dawson and Meredith Monroe, Maryland State Police Crime Laboratory, Pikesville, Md

> For the past year, we have been validating the chemiluminescence procedure for RFLP analysis in our laboratory. We have encountered difficulties with

the resolution of the ladder bands, the differing intensities of the ladder bands, and the determination of the final concentration necessary. The following studies were taken to try to resolve these problems:

- 1. Gibco BRL vs. Cellmark ladder probe and products
- 2. The effect of new vs. old TAE buffer
- 3. The effects of ethidium bromide in the gels and buffer
- 4. DNA Typing Grade vs. IDNA agarose
- 5. Varying the concentration of the ladder

In addition, presentations will be made on studies with the reusing of hybridization solution, microwaving for Hae-III restriction, adenovirus detection, and various modifications of our own protocol that may be of interest to the forensic community.

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-10:30 <u>STR Validation Studies of Mixed Stains</u>--by Amanda Blanchard, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va

Short Tandem Repeat (STR) validation studies have become an integral part of forensic research in the implementation of new DNA systems on forensic casework samples. Mixed stains propose unique obstacles within sample preparation and typing analysis. To address this, emphasis has been placed on the ability to distinguish typing of sperm cells from epithelial cells. The occurrence of stutter bands, artifacts, preferential amplification and allelic drop out can also create complications in genetic typing. Therefore, it is imperative that interpretation guidelines be established.

In this study, mixed stains from five samples were extracted, amplified and typed using the Gene Print (TM) FFFL Fluorescent STR Typing Kit (Promega). A variety of dilutions were analyzed in order to determine the concentration at which a weak minor component would have the same intensity as a stutter band. The gels were visualized using an FMBIO-100 Fluorescent Imaging System. Peak areas and heights were calculated for all alleles at each locus in order to determine an empirical value used to differentiate between a real band and a stutter band. This study, in addition to the studies being conducted in conjunction wwith the FBI STR Standardization Project, will enable the analyst to establish criteria for determining when a weak allele will be classified as a stutter band versus a weak interpretable allele.

10:30-10:45 <u>Precision Study of STR Analysis of the FFFL Loci Using the FMBIO-100</u> <u>Fluorescent Imaging System</u>--by Michelle Upshaw, BS¹, Barbara E.

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The Hitachi FMBIO-100 Fluorescent Imaging System is a high volume analysis instrument designed to scan electrophoretic gels using a solid state green laser. The laser detects differing wavelengths of light which are emitted from fluorescently tagged DNA in the gel. The fluorescent signal that is emitted is analyzed using a Macintosh computer with specialized software, which enables the analyst to size the bands and thus determine a DNA profile for the sample.

Short tandem repeat (STR) analysis using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with fluorescent detection systems is gaining in popularity, in part due to the safety, sensitivity, speed, and accuracy associated with these methods. It is important to validate the precision of the instrument before it is used for casework analyses. Therefore, an experiment was designed to test the precision of the FMBIO-100 Fluorescent Imaging System.

Five (5) known blood samples were extracted, purified, and amplified using the GenePrint[™] FFFL Fluorescent STR System Kit (Promega). Each amplified product was electrophoresed on a Gel-Mix 6 (Gibco/BRL) acrylamide gel using a SA32 electrophoresis unit (Gibco/BRL). Twenty (20) individual amplifications and gels were run. The gels were scanned on the FMBIO-100 and analyzed on the Macintosh computer using the FMBIO analysis software. The results of the precision study will be presented here.

Cancelled <u>Alternate Light Source--A Replacement for Luminol?</u>--by Lisa C. (Subpoena) Schiermeier, Virginia Division of Forensic Science

> Luminol has historically been used for detecting traces of blood in the absence of visual stains. A positive luminol test is not a confirmatory test for blood, but only indicates the possible presence of blood which can lead scientists to perform further tests for blood identification. Although luminol is a useful tool for screening large areas for traces of blood, it can have detrimental effects on probative stains as well. When used incorrectly, luminol can dilute stains to such a degree that further testing is not possible and potential patterns may be obscured. Additionally, luminol is subject to many false positive reactions due to rust, metal salts, and cleaning detergents. Probably the most common false positive reaction is due to luminol reacting to itself when puddling occurs as a result of improper application technique.

> The Central Laboratory of the Virginia Division of Forensic Science has seen

an increase in requests from investigators for luminol to be used at crime scenes where no blood is visible. However, using luminol to successfully locate stains is not only subject to the limitations of luminol itself, but to experience with the technique as well. Investigators use luminol infrequently, and readily admit that they do not feel comfortable when they use it. Informal training sessions for investigators conducted by Forensic Biology Section examiners concurrent with or prior to issuing the luminol are not enough to overcome the investigators' discomfort.

In light of this situation, VA DFS Forensic Biology section is evaluating use of alternate light sources as an alternative method to the use of luminol. Alternate light sources, such as the Omnichrome FLS 5000 and the Luma-Lite 2000, are instruments capable of producing light at wavelengths which can detect biological fluids. Since iron bound to hemoglobin in blood is also known to be enhanced by light of a particular wavelength, these instruments may serve as an alternative to using luminol.

VA DFS compared the two methods to see if the results obtained by scanning a suspected area waith an alternate light source would be as sensitive as the application of luminol. Bloodstains on various substrates were subjected to typical methods of concealment. The resulting stains were then viewed with the Omnichrome FLS 5000 and Luma-Lite 2000, and finally sprayed with luminol. The data from the study will be presented, along with conclusions.

10:45-11:15 <u>Automated Fluorescent Detection of STR Multiplexes--The GENEPRINT</u> <u>POWERPLEX and FFFL MULTIPLEX Systems</u>--by James W. Schumm, Promega Corp.

The era of databasing criminal populations to link suspects to crime scenes and crime scenes to one another by evidence comparison is upon us. To achieve the ultimate benefit of this approach, hundreds of thousands to millions of individuals, primarily convicted criminals, will be typed using STR systems. The enormous labor involved with this effort can be minimized by using multiplex STR systems wahich are detected using semi-automated data collection instruments.

We have developed three fluorescein-labeled STR quadirplex systems each with the following properties:

* Within each quadriplex, no alleles of one STR locus overlap in size with alleles of another locus.

* Fluorescent allelic ladders for each locus have been developed.

* All loci except vWA are simple STR systems. Microvariants have been observed with only two of the twelve loci (i.e. TH01 allele 9.3, TH01

allele 8.3, F13A01 allele 3.2).

Each system is compatible for use with the following instruments:

- Hitachi FMBIO and FMBIO II Fluorescent Scanners
- * Molecular Dynamics FluorImager SI and 595 Fluorescent Scanners
- * Applied Biosystems Model 310 Capillary Electrophoresis Unit
- * GenomyxSC Fluorescent Scanner

This combination of reagents and instrumentation provides the necessary ingredients to achieve the throughput and efficiency which will be required to generate large population databases. Characteristics of the multiplex systems and the detection equipment will be discussed.

11:15-11:45 <u>Did the Supreme Court in Daubert Adopt an Obsolete Model of Science?--by</u> Walter F. Rowe, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

> In <u>Daubert et al. v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</u> (113 SCt 2786) the Supreme Court ruled that the Frye Rule had been superseded by Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence. In place of the Frye Rule's single criterion of general acceptability the Supreme Court suggested four criteria that judges could use to determine whether testimony should admitted as scientific evidence:

1. Can the theory or technique be tested? Has it been so tested?

2. Has the theory or technique been subjected to peer review and been published?

3. What is the known or potential rate of error?

4. Has the theory or technique gained general acceptance?

In formulating the first criterion the Court relied explicitly on the concept of falsifiability originally proposed by Karl Popper as a criterion for the demarcation of science from non-science. (1, 2) Popper's central idea was that experiments could not prove a theory to be true but experiments could prove a theory to be false. Popper believed his falsifiability concept both described how science is actually done and prescribed how it should be done. Historians of science have shown that no significant scientific theory has developed according to Popper's paradigm. (3) Philosophers of science have demonstrated that the claim that a scientific theory can be definitively shown to be false has the same logical flaw as the claim that theories can be verified by experiment. Consequently, falsifiability has little utility as a criterion of

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demarcation between science and non-science.(3-5)

Even if a theory passes the hurdle of testability it may still be regarded by scientists as lacking in credibility. Four factors normally examined by scientists in assessing the credibility of a scientific hypothesis: (a) the quantity, variety and precision of the supporting evidence; (b) confirmation by "new" experimental results (i.e. other than those used in the development of the hypothesis); (c) theoretical support from well-established scientific laws and (d) the simplicity of the theory. (6)

The Supreme Court in *Daubert* also ignored the evolutionary development of scientific theories. Most scientists are aware that theories go through a series of steps before they reach the point of being considered generally reliable. Henry H. Bauer has described these steps in his book Scientific Literacy and the Myth of the Scientific Method.(7) A hypothesis is constructed from the universe of human traits (conventional wisdom, wild ideas, attributes of personality). At this point the hypothesis may be rejected out of hand as being nonsensical or pseudoscientific (using the criteria of Hempel, discussed above). If the hypothesis survives this step it will probably be tested by some quick-and-dirty experiments. This is the domain of frontier science. If the initial experiments are promising more formal, cleaner experiments will be tried. If these further experiments are successful the hypothesis will probably be published in what may be termed the primary scientific literature. The hypotheses appearing in the primary literature can be characterized as "not obviously wrong" and "possibly right." Once other scientists become aware of the hypothesis they will conduct their own tests and publish the result. The results of these replicate tests are a part of the secondary scientific literature (which also includes monographs and review articles). The secondary literature contains mostly reliable hypotheses. Beyond this point the hypothesis is used over a period of time and its agreement with wellestablished theories from the same field of science and related scientific disciplines is assessed. Hypotheses that still survive pass into textbooks. Textbook knowledge consists of mostly very reliable hypotheses. Textbook scientific knowledge should be admitted into courts; scientific hypotheses that are in the primary literature stage probably should not.

GENERAL SESSION

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. MAAFS Registration

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12:30-12:45	<u>Opening Remarks</u> by Paul Ferrara, PhD, Director of Virginia Division of Forensic Science
12:45-1:45	Computer Forensicsby Howard Schmidt
1:45-2:30	<u>Brambleton Avenue Murder</u> by Rick Moore and Jeff Herrick, Roanoke County Police Department, Roanoke, Va.
2:30-3:00	<u>Search and Siezure</u> by Officer Thor, Roanoke County K-9 Dept., assisted by Officer John Hoover
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-4:15	Search Warrantsby Reed Kelly, Sheriff, Botetourt County, Va
4:15-4:45	Working With Expert Witnessesby Tom Bondurant, US Attorney, Roanoke
4:45-5:15	<u>Computer Counterfeits</u> by Gordon Menzies, Virginia Division of Forensic Science
5:15-5:30	<u>Introduction To Virginia Division of Forensic Science's Western Laboratory</u> - -by Steve Sigel, Virginia Division of Forensic Science,
5:30-6:30	Tour of DFS Western Laboratory
6:00-7:30	Hospitality Room (Room #6)

Thursday, May 1, 1997

8:00 a.m.-noon MAAFS Registration

Morning

8:30-9:50 <u>Digital Imaging Overview for Law Enforcement</u>--by Gordon Grow, Polaroid Corporation

> Differences between the analog of traditional image and the digital image, steps in the digital imaging cycle, basic requirements for setting up a digital darkroom, limitations of digital imaging, and 'hybrid' digital solutions will be

presented.

9:50-10:05 Break

10:05-12:00 Suspect Profiling--by Isaac VanPatten, PhD

The use of psychological profiling, or criminal investigative analysis as it is now called, is not something new in law enforcement. As any fan of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (and his prototypical detective Sherlock Holmes) knows, the fundamentals of determining who might have committed a crime by analyzing crime scene data has been around as long as there has been detectives. However, in the past twenty years, the art and science of criminal investigative analysis (CIA) has experienced considerable development and refinement. Led by the FBI's Behavioral Sciences Unit and the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, and continued by the Child Abduction and Serial Killer Unit and the Profiling and Behavioral Assessment Unit, CIA finds applications in sex crimes, bombings, celebrity stalking, and, of course, serial homicide investigations. This presentation will provide an overview of the principles of CIA, and the various uses to which it is put by the law enforcement community. In addition, an overview of the exciting and promising new techniques of Geographic Profiling will be presented.

Afternoon

12:00-1:00 Lunch Buffet

5:15-6:15 MAAFS Business Meeting

6:30-7:30 Hospitality Room

(General Session Agenda Continued Following the Questioned Documents and Firearms Session Agenda)

TRACE SECTION Thursday, May 1, 1997 Afternoon

1:00-1:30 <u>Wayne Williams Revisited</u> -- by Hal Deadman, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Fiber evidence is used by a crime laboratory to associate or link together people and/or objects. When there is contact between any two objects, there will almost always be some type of detectable transfer of material between these two objects. This is called the exchange principle and is the basis for the analysis of all types of trace evidence. Since all people are closely associated with items containing fibrous materials, in their houses and automobiles and on their person, the transfer of textile fibers comes into play in many different types of criminal activity, especially in crimes of violence.

The Wayne Williams case involved the investigation of a large number of murdered black children or young black men in the Atlanta, Georgia. metropolitan area between July, 1979 and May, 1981. Associations based on textile fiber evidence were an essential part of the case developed against Williams and was the most compelling evidence of his involvement in the murders that was presented at his trial. The fiber evidence demonstrated an extremely strong and recent linkage between the surroundings of Williams and the bodies of eleven murder victims. It has been 15 years since the Wayne Williams trial and I believe it would be interesting to look at the field of forensic fiber analysis fifteen years after the Williams case. This paper will present a summary of the fiber evidence developed and presented in the Williams case and will attempt to address the following questions: Has there been an increase in the use of fiber evidence in the courtroom? Have there been improvements and advances in the analysis and evaluation of textile fiber evidence in the past fifteen years? Have improved methods been developed to collect and handle trace evidence? Has there been any impact of DNA testing and the extensive and seemingly never-ending DNA court battles on forensic fiber analysis? Have new methods been developed to assess the evidential value of forensic fiber evidence? Will the new admissibility standard in the Unite States Federal courts, the Daubert standard, have any impact of the use of fiber evidence in the courtroom? How do fiber comparisons and other forensic exams that are not generally conducted outside a crime laboratory fare in the court? Has there been an increase in the use of defense experts testifying against fiber evidence? Finally, the defense attacks against the forensic evidence in the Williams case will be compared to the current defense attacks on various types of forensic evidence.

1:30-2:00 <u>Considerations for a Laboratory moving into the field of Gunshot Residue by</u> <u>Automated SEM/EDX</u> -- by Douglas H. DeGaetano, M.S., Virginia

Division of Forensic Science, Richmond, Va.

The number of Forensic Laboratories using automated Scanning Electron Microscopy and Energy Dispersive X-Ray (SEM/EDX) for the analysis of gunshot residue has increased over the past ten years. This is, no doubt, due in part to an increase in the number of manufacturers offering this equipment and the introduction of a more affordable instrument by the R. J. Lee Group, Inc. The author has been involved in the setup and operation of two different automated SEM/EDX systems; one in the private sector and one with the Virginia Division of Forensic Science. A number of practical considerations will be addressed with regard to a laboratory moving into this area of analysis. Topics to be discussed include: the probative value of the analysis, caseload requirements, sample volume and speed capabilities for various instruments, compatibility of SEM and EDX systems, manufacturers' demos, sample collection and analysis techniques.

2:00-5:00 TWGMAT

TWGMAT Introduction--by Edward Bartick

A brief overview followed by guideline progress

<u>Panel Discussion</u>--by Hal Deadman, George Washington University, Max Houck, FBI Hairs and Fiber Unit, Don McClamroch, ATF, and Mary Tungol, FBI

3:00-3:15 Break

<u>Open Discussion</u>-- Group participation concerning all presented topics

- 5:15-6:15 MAAFS Business Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 Hospitality Room (Room #6)

DRUG CHEMISTRY SECTION

Thursday, May 1, 1997 Afternoon

1:00-1:15 <u>Detection of Drugs in Hair--Is the Hair Material Material?</u>--by Charles R. Midkiff, Department of Justice, Law and Society, The American University, Washington, DC 20016 Testing for drugs in hair offers a number of advantages over the more widely used urine tests. Hair samples are less intrusive to collect, have a long shelf life so are easily retained for retesting if needed and resist attempts at alteration by the subject. In addition, hair monitors drug use over months rather than the days typical of urine tests. The ability of hair to retain drugs has been known for over 30 years but interest in and use of testing for drugs in hair grew rapidly in the 1980s. Increasing use of hair testing is being made in employment screening and drug rehabilitation programs and hair test results have withstood both Frye and Daubert type challenges in court. Nevertheless, several years ago, a question was raised regarding the potential for racial or ethnic bias in the results of hair tests. Highly pigmented hairs contain high levels of melanin. It has been demonstrated that melanin can bind tightly to a variety of compounds including commonly abused drugs. Given comparable drug intake, this binding could enhance drug retention in an individual with highly pigmented hair compared to that in one whose hair has limited pigmentation. This prospect has led to debate in the forensic community regarding the fairness of test results showing drug levels in hair. Although results from recently reported studies have attracted attention, closer examination shows them to be less than clearcut. These studies will be examined in an attempt to untangle the issue of the materiality of materials in hair on drug test results.

1:15-1:45 <u>Enantiomer Determination of Illicit Methamphetamine and Amphetamine</u> <u>Street Samples Using Cyclodextrin-Modified Free Zone Capillary</u> <u>Electrophoresis</u>--by Jerry A Walker, B.S.* and Henry L. Marché, M.S. Drug Enforcement Administration- MidAtlantic Laboratory

> This paper's objective is to demonstrate a "dilute and shoot" method capable of simultaneously determining the enantiomer of illicit methamphetamine and amphetamine street samples in less than ten minutes.

> This paper presents a simple method for the isomer identification of illicit methamphetamine and amphetamine street samples using cyclodextrinmodified free zone capillary electrophoresis. The method allows for the baseline separation of the isomers of methamphetamine, amphetamine, ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine in less than ten minutes. The run buffer is prepared by dissolving 30 mmol hydroxy propyl β -cyclodextrin into 200 mmol sodium phosphate. Samples are diluted with the 200 mmol sodium phosphate and injected directly onto a 46-cm fused silica capillary. Isomer elution times are shown to be discernable and reproducible. Common adulterants, diluents and impurities do not interfere

with the analysis.

1:45-2:15 Identification of LSD on Single Blotter Tabs Via GC/MS Using Electronic <u>Pressure Controls (EPC) And Pulsed Split Injection</u>--by Thomas M. Blackwell, Drug Enforcement Administration, Mid-Atlantic Laboratory,

> Single blotter tab exhibits of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD) are frequently encountered in forensic laboratories. The positive identification of LSD can be difficult and time consuming, unless the tabs are of a significant strength. Capillary gas chromatography has been used in the identification and quantitation of LSD and the differentiation of LSD from lysergic acid methylpropylamide (LAMPA). Identification of LSD by gas chromatography and mass spectrometry (GC/MS) has involved the use of derivatives, special columns (short), drastic changes in normal gas chromatograph (GC) operating conditions, or special equipment such as the direct insertion probe. Direct insertion probe (DIP) has been the preferred mass spectrometer method when dealing with small single tab amounts of LSD at the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Mid-Atlantic Laboratory. The use of DIP minimizes the GC oven ramifications and avoids column adsorption formation of artifacts.

> The relatively recent development of a variety of capillary columns, improved mass spectrometry sensitivity, and gas chromatographs equipped with electronic pressure controls, have allowed for the GC/MS identification of a single blotter tab of LSD.

The prescribed methodology employs a longer GC/MS column (>25 meters) without the need for special extractions, temperatures, or derivitizations. Two important considerations for adequate column transfer of weaker samples, are splitliner vapor expansion volume and flow rate. Because both can be changed by changing inlet pressure, EPC provides a way to optimize conditions for sample introduction. Increasing column head pressure briefly at the time of injection helps control expansion volume and improve transfer of solutes to the column. This is referred to as a "pressure pulse" or a pulsed split injection. Analysis time is greatly reduced, by using a pulsed split injection and computer software based pressure programs versus conventional oven programs.

2:15-2:45 Methcathinone: Chemistry and Clandestine Synthesis--by Thomas P.

Simpson, Division of Forensic Sciences, Roanoke, Va.

An operating clandestine laboratory was seized which was reportedly producing "meth". Rather than methamphetamine (Schedule II), the product turned out to be methcathinone (Schedule I). Ephedrine (or pseudoephedrine) is the starting material for both methamphetamine (via reduction) and methcathinone (via oxidation). The clandestine synthesis and chemistry of methcathinone will be reviewed.

Information seized from the clandestine laboratory indicated that the Internet may have been utilized as a source of information on methcathinone synthesis. This medium will be examined for its relevance to the forensic chemist.

2:45-3:00 <u>The Chemist Inconvenience Act of 1997</u>--by Wilmer O. Kiser and Michael B. Mayo, Virginia Division of Forensic Science, Roanoke, Va

A humorous look at some desirable (?) legislation.

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-3:45 <u>Current Drugs Under Review by DEA</u>--by Clyde Richardson, Drug Enforcement Administration, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section (ODE)

- Conducting comprehensive drug reviews to determine if a drug should be added, removed or transferred from the schedules of the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

- Conducting reviews of chemicals used in the clandestine production of illicit drugs for possible regulation under the Chemical Diversion and Trafficking Act

- Setting production quotas for Schedules I and II controlled substances

- Reviewing pharmaceutical preparations to determine if they qualify for status as an exempted product

- Providing reports to the United Nations on controlled substances

- Providing scientific information to the World Health Organization on drugs covered by international U.S. treaty obligations

This presentation will discuss the drugs currently under review by ODE and the status of the reviews.

3:45-5:00 General discussions and 'from the floor' presentations on drugs such as Ketamine (Special K), Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB), Tramadol, Butorphanol, Harmine, Nexus, etc.

- 5:15-6:15 MAAFS Business Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 Hospitality Room (Room #6)

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS AND FIREARMS SECTION

Thursday, May 1, 1997

Afternoon

- 1:00-1:15 <u>Counterfeit Checks</u>--by Kirsten S. Jackson, IRS Forensic Science Laboratory
- 1:15-1:30 <u>One Crime, One Criminal, Three Different Confessions</u>--by Robert M. Black and Gerhard W. Wendt, Pennsylvania State Police, Questioned Documents Section, Harrisburg, Pa 17110

A case study involving three seperate letters of confession signed by different writers and allegedly forged by the jailed suspect in the brutal rape of a State Trooper's daughter. Following his own preliminary "examination" of the document evidence, the investigator strongly believed the letters were written by the defendant and related this in his request for analysis. The case took an interesting turn as the defendant could not be established as being the writer. Subsequent investigation and examination revealed the defendant had written three "model" confessions which he gave to other inmates to copy for sending to authorities. The case is described in detail from the submission of the documents evidence to the examination and subsequent guilty pleas of the defendant.

1:30-2:00 <u>Photogrammetry as a Means to Detect Photographic Deception</u>--by Douglas A. Goodin AA BA MPP MFS, Richard W. Vorder-Bruegge PhD, Room 3449, 935 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20535

This paper examines photogrammetric analysis as a technique for detecting altered or retouched photographs or electronic images.

With the increasing use of electronic imaging, and image retouching through the use of computers, image integrity may come under greater scrutiny by forensic scientists and the legal system. Photogrammetry may aid in establishing an image's veracity. Photogrammetry is the science of deriving actual measurements from objects portrayed in two dimensional images. This involves establishing the perspective triangle of an image so that the dimensions of known objects may be compared by ratio to objects whose dimensions are unknown. Sets of parallel lines in the image are followed to their vanishing points, which form the three angles of the perspective triangle. In addition to this perspective triangle, the camera station, or where the camera was located in actual space when the image was made, is established. The camera station and perspective triangle of an image may provide clues to the possible retouching or combining of images. All objects with parallel lines depicted in an image should vanish to the same horizon line. An object "retouched," or "airbrushed," into the original image may have parallel lines that do not vanish to the established horizon line. If these lines do not vanish to the establish horizon line, it may indicate that there is more than one camera station for what is being represented as a valid, unmolested image. If a questioned object has another camera station (in addition to the one established for the overall image), this may indicate that more than one image has been combined to form the questioned image. If the objects depicted in the image do not have parallel lines that easily allow the establishment of vanishing points, then camera station may be established through the photogrammetric technique known as "Reverse Projection." This technique involves placing a 1:1 copy (positive or negative) of the image in the prism of a single lens reflex camera. Viewing through the camera, the objects in the image are aligned with the same natural (or same type) objects in actual space. If all of the image aligns with the actual objects, then there would appear to be only one camera station. However if a component of the image has a significantly higher, lower, or laterally moved camera station, it may have been added to the questioned image.

2:00-2:15 <u>Brother Electronic Label Machine: Label Production, Ribbon Legibility,</u> <u>and Identification</u>--by Gordon C. Menzies, Jr., Virginia Division of Forensic Science, Roanoke, Va

> A description of the process used by the Brother Electronic Label Machine to produce labels, a description of reading the ribbon, and a method of identifying the product from a specific ribbon.

2:15-2:30 <u>A Forensic Application of Tape</u>--by Thomas Dewan, FBI Laboratory, Washington, DC

> Experiments with various forms of pressure sensitive evidence tape and latent lift tape reveals the possibility of their usefulness in forensic examinations of obliaterated or overwritten writing, typewriting, etc. The delayed adhesion features of some of the tape may allow an inexpensive and non-destructive supplement to infrared and ultraviolet analysis systems currently in use.

2:30-2:45 <u>Stamping Out Confusion: Proper Identification and Evaluation of</u> <u>U.S. Postage Stamps</u>--by Peter J. Belcastro, Jr., FBI Laboratory, Questioned Documents Unit, Washington, DC

> An overview of the forensic examination of U.S. Postage Stamps, focusing on proper identification and evaluation of gum type, format and nomenclature, recognition of common problem areas associated with this type of examination, and avoiding these pitfalls with the use of proper scientific method in conjunction with standards or reference materials. Brief discussion of valuable investigative information that can be extracted from some U.S. Postage Stamps.

2:45-3:00 <u>A Paper on the Flawed Report of Risinger, Benbeaux, and Saks Criticizing</u> <u>the Forensic Science Discipline of Document Examination</u>--by Renee L. Hazen, FBI Laboratory, Questioned Documents Unit, Washington, DC

- 1. The qualifications of the authors within the field of document examination.
- 2. Whether these authors are the best judges to ascertain the reliability of document examination?

- 3. An analysis of the studies cited within the Pennsylvania Law Review article and how the results of these studies have been used to support the authors' severe criticism of the field.
- 4. A brief synopsis of court cases in which these authors have testified as critics of the reliability and validity of the field and the effect on the admissibility of document examination evidence and testimony as a result.
- 5. The response of the document examination community and what needs to be done in the future to respond to this criticism.
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-3:30 <u>Have You Seen This Title?</u>--by Debra F. Campbell, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC

This paper's purpose is to alert any document examiner to the appearance of these titles in the Mid-Atlantic area. My examination was solely for the purpose of the handwriting and hand printing on the Application for a Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle or Trailer, District of Columbia, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Motor Vehicles Services and the State of New Jersey, Division of Motor Vehicles, Certificate of Title.

While the handwriting was inconclusive the amount of information on the New Jersey Title is invaluable for investigative purposes.

Cancelled An After-Market Firing Pin's Effects on Firing Pin Impressions--by Corey Turbeville and Rick Register, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Forensic Science Laboratory, Rockville, Maryland

> The use of after-market products for firearms can have a significant effect on firearm examinations. One such example pertains to the changes in class and individual characteristics associated with the use of an after-market firing pin produced by "Lightning Strike" Inc. for large and small-framed Glock firearms. Changes in firing pin marks were consistently found in all tests done in two (2) different caliber groups. The changes consisted of class characteristics (firing pin drag marks) no longer being found on the cartridge cases after the Glock firing pins were replaced with the aftermarket strikers. As a consequence, the individual features often found in the firing pin drag mark, which are relied upon for identifications, were also missing. The Lightning Strike firing pins, however, did impart their own class and individual characteristics. The consistent changes observed in

Glock-type firing pin marks could provide examiners an opportunity to conclude such changes are indicative of a specific products' usage. In future examinations, such information could have important consequences for criminal investigations involving firearm examinations.

5:15-6:15 Break

6:30-7:30 Hospitality Room (Room #6)

GENERAL SESSION

Friday, May 2, 1997

Morning

8:30-9:00 LIMS Considerations--by Wayne R. Adams, IBM Corp.

There are many approaches to implementing a Laboratory Information Management System. This talk discusses the considerations of implementing a LIMS with regard to the major functions required for a forensic science lab.

9:00-9:30 The Psychology of Testifying--by Lynwood Day, PhD

9:30-10:00 <u>The Development and Assessment of a Copy Toner Spectral Database by</u> <u>Microscopical IR Analysis</u>--by Edward G. Bartick, Forensic Science Research and Training Center, FBI Academy

> This paper describes the development and assessment of a copy toner library used for the forensic examination of questioned copied documents. The library was acquired by infrared (IR) spectral analysis. The use of the library allows examiners to identify the chemical type of toner and to categorize the toner in a group of potential machines which use an original equipment manufactured (OEM) cartridge. The toners are used in copiers, printers, and facsimile machines.

Various machines use specific toners for the copier engines. Several machine models and manufacturers could use the same engines. Therefore, an examiner is not likely to identify a specific machine model and manufacturer. However, our work has been to narrow, as much as possible, the types of machines a questioned document could have come from.

A computer searchable IR spectral database of 639 copy toners, representing 72 brands, was produced. Samples were transfered to aluminum foil by heating the back side of the paper with a soldering iron (1). The spectra were obtained by reflection-absorption (R-A) analysis on an FTIR microscope system. Toners were categorized into 94 groups based on the presence of spectral peaks. We observed some variation of peak intensity ratios within the groups. Conventional computerized spectral searching, using correlation comparisons, yielded successful results for group matching.

While 94 groups of toners were isolated, four of the groups are large with over 40 samples each. The evidential value for these groups is not great as with the small groups. Examiners would prefer a means to further discriminate these toners. An initial evaluation with multivariate analysis produced additional discrimination due to peak intensity variation within the largest group. We have plans for multivariate analysis of elemental composition by scanning electron microscopy with energy dispersive X-ray analysis (SEM/EDX) and organic composition by pyrolysis gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (Py-GC/MS).

The method of IR microscopical R-A spectroscopy provides an excellent means of discriminating copy toner types. However, the forensic examination of toners will improve with additional methods to produce further discrimination within the large groups.

- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:15 <u>Legal Updates</u>--by Rick Conway, Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Prince William County, Va
- 11:15-11:45 <u>Spontaneous Leadership or (If you can walk, does that make you a mountain climber?</u>)--by Carrie Whitcomb, US Postal Inspection Service, Dulles, Va

Why is it that good managers are not necessarily leaders? Where do leaders come from?

What criteria/conditions are necessary for spontaneous leadership? What type of metamorphosis is necessary to go from manager to leader? Is it possible? Can it be learned? Can you get better at it?

I can walk, but what do I need to climb Mt. Everest?

What are the characteristics of Leadership? Inspiring others to be the best they can be.

How do you detect leadership? You look at those around you. If you have followers, then you must be a leader! Stay tuned for more......

11:45-12:15 Laboratory Waste Minimization--by James L. Mudd, REM, RHCMM, FBI

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations define a solid waste as any material--solid, liquid, or gas that has been discarded or abandoned, or has served its intended purpose. A solid waste is hazardous under RCRA regulations if it exhibits certain characteristics, has been listed as a hazardous waste, has been mixed with a hazardous waste, or was derived from the treatment, storage, or disposal of a listed hazardous waste. The disposal of hazardous chemicals and waste can be a difficult and expensive problem. This cost can be 10-20 times the original cost of the material. Under RCRA, certain categories of hazardous waste generators (laboratories) must certify that a waste minimization program is in place. This presentation will review program elements and options for waste minimization.

12:15-12:45 <u>Utilization of the Internet for Health Safety and the Environment</u>-- by David Eherts, Director of Health and Safety, Rhone-Poulenc, Rorer

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