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**Occupation:** Forensic Consultant

**Areas of Specialty:**

- Crime scene Investigation, Analysis & Reconstruction
- Crime Scene Photography
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- Crime Scene Diagramming
- Evidence Processing & Collection Techniques

**Summary of Qualifications:**

- 29+ Years Sworn Law Enforcement Officer
- 14+ Years Patrol Officer
- 15+ Years Crime Scene Detective
- 2+ Years Crime Scene Unit Instructor
- Florida Certified Criminal Justice Instructor (CJSTC) covering General Subjects and Police Vehicle Operations
- Extensive Teaching and Presentation Experience
- Over 9500 Crime Scenes Processed
- Handled 800+ Death Investigations (Over 500 Homicides)
- Certified as an Expert Witness in Crime Scene Processing Techniques

**Certifications:**

- 11/03 Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations Instructor  
Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
- 11/96 Criminal Justice Instructor  
Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
- 4/75 Law Enforcement Officer  
Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

**Professional Affiliations:**

- International Association for Identification, Inc.
- Florida Division of the International Association for Identification, Inc.

**Education:**

- 1980's 21 Hours toward Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
*Florida Community College of Jacksonville*
- 6/71 High School Graduate  
*Terry Parker High School*

**Professional Experience:**

08/03 – Present **Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc.**  
*Glen St. Mary, Florida*

- President
- Senior Instructor for Crime Scene Training Programs

01/03 – Present **Florida Community College of Jacksonville**  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

- Adjunct Instructor, Basic Law Enforcement Subjects
- Adjunct Instructor, Police Vehicle Operations

3/74 – 08/03 **Office of the Sheriff**  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

- Detective, Crime Scene Unit (07/88 – 08/03)
- Patrol Officer (12/74 – 07/88)
- Dispatcher (3/74 – 12/74)

**Crime Scene Investigation Training:**

11/06 **Evidence Photography & Imaging**  
*Evidence Photographers International Council, Long Beach, CA, 24 Hours*

08/06 **Forensic Science for Law Professionals**  
*University of Florida Forensic Science Program*

04/03 **Cold Case Homicide Investigation Methodology**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 24 Hours*

09/02 **Traffic Homicide Investigation**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, 80 Hours*

09/02 **Advanced Traffic Homicide Investigation**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, 80 Hours*

02/02 **Advanced Bloodstain Interpretation**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, 40 Hours*

- 07/01 **Scene Mapping using Speed Lasers**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, 40 Hours*
- 06/99 **Weapons of Mass Destruction Responder Course**  
*US Dept. of Justice, Ft. McClelland, Alabama, 40 Hours*
- 04/99 **SCBA & Level "A" Suit Course**  
*Jacksonville Fire Rescue Training Center, 16 Hours*
- 04/99 **Hazardous Materials Basic Concepts**  
*Jacksonville Fire Rescue Training Center, 24 Hours*
- 11/98 **Practical Homicide Investigation**  
*Public Agency Training Council, 24 Hours*
- 07/98 **Forensic Entomology and Decomposition**  
*University of Tennessee Body Farm, 18 Hours*
- 04/98 **Forensic Mapping Specialist Training**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 10/97 **Forensic Entomology**  
*Central Florida Community College, 16 Hours*
- 03/97 **Death Investigation; Crime Scene Interpretation**  
*Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, NC, 14 Hours*
- 10/96 **Buried Body Excavation Workshop**  
*International Association for Identification Conference, 8 Hours*
- 08/96 **Forensic Entomology for Legal Investigation**  
*Kirkpatrick Criminal Justice Training Center, 8 Hours*
- 08/95 **Robbery Homicide Conference**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 10/94 **Crime Scene Conference**  
*Florida Division, International Association for Identification, 16 Hours*
- 09/94 **Forensic Crime Scene Techniques**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 11/92 **Practical Crime Scene Workshop**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 11/92 **Practical Crime Scene Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, 40 Hours*
- 03/88 **Crime Scene Photography**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 03/88 **Crime Scene Procedures**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*

**Criminal Justice Instructor Training:**

- 11/03 **Police Vehicle Operations Instructor (CMS)**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 10/03 **Instructor Techniques (CMS)**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 12 Hours*
- 11/96 **Instructor Techniques**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 80 Hours*

**General Law Enforcement Training:**

- 11/87 **Field Training Officer**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 06/83 **Radar Operator**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 01/75 **Police Recruit Training**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 520 Hours*

**Papers, Articles and Publications:**

Crime Scene Processing: Basic Principles and Practices for the Successful Identification, Documentation, Processing and Collection of Physical Evidence at Crime Scenes. DVD, Current research and writing project.

Crime Scene Photography, Digital and Film. Book, Current research and writing project.

Crime Scene Processing: Basic Principles and Practices for the Successful Identification, Documentation, Processing and Collection of Physical Evidence at Crime Scenes. LaForte, Michael F., Glen St. Mary, FL, Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., 430 pages. First Edition, Published November 2004

**Presentations and Instructional Experience:**

- 02/08 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 01/08 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Forest Acres, South Carolina, 40 Hours*
- 10/07 **Digital & Film Photography Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 04/07 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 03/07 **Crime Scene Reconstruction of Shooting Incidents**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*

- 10/06 **Digital & Film Photography Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Ocala, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 06/06 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Ocala, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 02/06 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc. Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 01/06 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 01/06 **Digital & Film Photography Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, 40 Hours*
- 10/05 **Digital & Film Photography Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 10/05 **Blood Spatter Evidence at Crime Scenes**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 08/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Biloxi, Mississippi, 40 Hours*
- 07/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 06/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 06/05 **Law Enforcement Photography Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 06/05 **Blood Spatter Evidence at Crime Scenes**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc. Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 06/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, West Monroe, Louisiana, 40 Hours*
- 05/05 **Crime Scene Photography Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 24 Hours*
- 04/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, Harvey, Louisiana, 40 Hours*
- 03/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, Sturgis, South Dakota, 40 Hours*
- 03/05 **Crime Scene Photography Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Valdosta, Georgia, 40 Hours*

- 03/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Institute of Police Technology and Management, Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 02/05 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 11/04 **Fingerprint Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 8 Hours*
- 09/04 **Crime Scene Photography Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 05/04 **Crime Scene Procedures for Police Explorers**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 8 Hours*
- 04/04 **Crime Scene Procedures for Public Defenders**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 4 Hours*
- 02/04 **Crime Scene Processing Workshop**  
*Eagle Crime Scenes, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 10/02 **Crime Scene Photography Workshop**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 20 Hours*
- 03/01 – 08/03 **Crime Scene Unit Training Instructor**
- Responsible for the continued training of 27 crime scene detectives on a weekly basis. Training conducted included crime scene processing techniques, photography, fingerprint processing techniques, death investigations, evidence handling procedures, processing human bodies for evidence, tire track and shoe impression evidence, forensic entomology, bullet trajectory reconstruction, forensic mapping of crime scenes, chemical processes, computer aided crime scene diagramming, blood evidence and many more. Also responsible for training detective division and patrol division personnel on crime scene processing techniques.
- 03/02 **Crime Scene Procedures**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 20 Hours*
- 03/01 **Crime Scene Procedures**  
*Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Training Center, 40 Hours*
- 1998 **Basic Crime Scene School**  
*Investigative Training Group, Inc., Huntsville, Alabama, 40 Hours*
- 1997 **Basic Crime Scene School**  
*Investigative Training Group, Inc., Brunswick, Georgia, 40 Hours*
- 1997 **Basic Crime Scene School**  
*Investigative Training Group, Inc., Jacksonville Beach, Florida, 40 Hours*
- 1997 **Crime Scene Investigation Seminar**  
*Investigative Training Group, Inc., Biloxi, Mississippi, 40 Hours*

**Public Service Appearances:**

- 03/06 **Crime Scene Procedures**  
*Florida Metropolitan University*  
*Lectured on crime scene procedures to criminal justice and criminal investigations classes*
- 12/05 **Crime Scene Procedures**  
*Florida Metropolitan University*  
*Lectured on crime scene procedures to criminal justice and criminal investigations classes*
- 03/03 **Crime Scene Procedures**  
*Florida Metropolitan University*  
*Presented crime scene procedures lecture to criminal justice class*

**Courtroom Testimony Experience:****Federal Court, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division**

Testified to the facts in a robbery and attempted murder case. Testimony covered the scene processing, photography, diagramming and evidence collection.

**Circuit Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Jacksonville, Florida**

Testified to the facts in numerous crimes against persons and crimes against property trials. Testimony covered crime scene processing techniques to include; photography; fingerprint processes; firearms testing and operation; alternate light sources, chemical processes for fingerprints, buried bodies and surface skeletons, blood spatter and bullet trajectory. Deposed in numerous criminal and civil cases regarding crime scene procedures, evidence handling procedures, photography, diagramming and processing procedures.

**County Court, Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida**

Testified in many misdemeanor trials including Battery, Theft and DUI.

**Expert Witness Qualifications**

Qualified as an expert witness by the court in crime scene procedures.

**Computer & Technical Skills:****Computer Software**

- Productivity: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint
- CAD: Crime Zone/Crash Zone, AutoSketch

**Technical Equipment**

- Sokkia Total Station Forensic Mapping Equipment
- Alternate Light Source Units; Polilight and Crime Scope
- Electrostatic Dustprint Lifter

**Crime Scene Processing Powders & Chemicals**

- Fingerprint Powders
- Iodine Fuming
- Cyanoacrylate Ester
- Small Particle Reagent
- Physical Developer
- Silver Nitrate
- Amido Black
- Luminol
- LeucoCrystal Violet
- Ardrex
- Ninhydrin
- Phenolphthalei

**Awards:**

- 10/00 **Police Officer of the Month**, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
*For work at numerous homicide scenes*
- 08/83 **Medal of Valor**, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
*For assisting in a vehicle chase and shoot out with heavily armed bank robbers while off-duty*
- 11/82 **Police Officer of the Month**, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
*For performance as a patrol officer*

**Commendations:**

- 02/02 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 11/00 **Letter of Commendation** *Burglary Investigation*
- 03/00 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation in Baker County*
- 03/99 **Letter of Commendation** *Forensic Mapping System Presentation*
- 02/98 **Letter of Commendation** *Kidnapping Investigation*
- 12/97 **Letter of Commendation** *Loomis/Wells Fargo Robbery Case*
- 01/97 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 09/96 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 05/96 **Letter of Commendation** *Robbery Investigation*
- 02/95 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 08/94 **Letter of Commendation** *Assisting Citizen*

- 05/94 **Letter of Commendation** *Auto Theft Investigation*
- 12/93 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 10/93 **Letter of Commendation** *Life Saving Efforts*
- 12/91 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 12/91 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 09/90 **Letter of Commendation** *Homicide Investigation*
- 11/83 **Letter of Commendation** *Bank Robbery and Shootout*
- 01/80 **Letter of Commendation** *Pet Shop Fire*
- 03/76 **Letter of Commendation** *Burglary in Progress Arrest*