

APPENDIX A: AUTHOR AND REVIEWER BIOGRAPHIES

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Author of Chapter 1 – History. Chapters reviewed: 2, Anatomy and Physiology of Adult Friction Ridge Skin; 3, Embryology, Physiology, and Morphology

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Chapters reviewed: 1, History; 9, Examination Process

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Herman Bergman started his career in 1995 at the tenprint section of the Dutch Criminal Intelligence Service (CRI). He received in-house education and training in fingerprint history, biology, classification, and automated fingerprint identification systems. He moved to the latent fingerprint section in 1999 and received additional training in development techniques, palmprint comparison, methodology, and AFIS processing. He was certified as a latent print examiner at the Crime Control and Investigation Training Institute in the Netherlands. He is a member of the Ridgeology Working Group (the group's purpose is to assess the desirability of adopting a non-numeric system in the Netherlands), and he has participated in developing a curriculum for latent print examiners seeking certification at the Police Academy. He was also a visiting instructor in the certification program at the Crime Control and Investigation Training Institute. He is a member of the International Association for Identification and the Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study, and Technology.

Chapters reviewed: 4, Recording Living and Postmortem Friction Ridge Exemplars; 8, The Preservation of Friction Ridge Information; 9, Examination Process

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Chapters reviewed: 2, Anatomy and Physiology of Adult Friction Ridge Skin; 3, Embryology, Physiology, and Morphology; 4, Recording Living and Postmortem Friction Ridge Exemplars; 6, Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS); 9, Examination Process; 12, Quality Assurance

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Chapter reviewed: 13, Fingerprints and the Law

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Chapters reviewed: 2, Anatomy and Physiology of Adult Friction Ridge Skin; 3, Embryology, Physiology, and Morphology

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Chapters reviewed: 9, Examination Process; 10, Documentation of Friction Ridge Impressions: From the Scene to the Conclusion; 14, Scientific Research in the Forensic Discipline of Friction Ridge Individualization

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Captain of Police Mike Campbell (retired) is a 28 year veteran of the City of Milwaukee Police Department, and served as the commanding officer of its identification division. Upon retirement, he took a position as a training coordinator with Ron Smith and Associates, Inc., a forensic training and consulting company based in Collinsville, Mississippi. He had more than 20 years of experience as a crime scene and fingerprint identification specialist with the department. He was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the crime scene response unit; all evidence photography and digital imaging systems; and the procurement and operation of the department-wide booking, AFIS, and criminal history systems. He has taught more than 250

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Chapters reviewed: 1, History; 4, Recording Living and Postmortem Friction Ridge Exemplars; 5, Systems of Friction Ridge Classification; 9, Examination Process

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Chapters reviewed: 1, History; 6, Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS); 7, Latent Print Development; 14, Scientific Research in the Forensic Discipline of Friction Ridge Individualization

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Chapters reviewed: 4, Recording Living and Postmortem Friction Ridge Exemplars; 7, Latent Print Development

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Chapters reviewed: 1, History; 7, Latent Print Development

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Chapter reviewed: 6, Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS); 8, The Preservation of Friction Ridge Information

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Chapter reviewed: 6, Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS)

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Chapters reviewed: 1, History; 12, Quality Assurance; 14, Fingerprints and the Law

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Chapters reviewed: 4, Recording Living and Postmortem Friction Ridge Exemplars; 6, Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS); 7, Latent Print Development; 8, The Preservation of Friction Ridge Information; 9, Examination Process; 10, Documentation of Friction Ridge Impressions: From the Scene to the Conclusion; 11, Equipment; 14, Scientific Research in the Forensic Discipline of Friction Ridge Individualization

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Chapters reviewed: 2, Anatomy and Physiology of Adult Friction Ridge Skin; 3, Embryology, Physiology, and Morphology

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Chapter reviewed: 1, History

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Chapter reviewed: 6, Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS)

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Chapter reviewed: 7, Latent Print Development

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Chapters reviewed: 1, History; 13, Fingerprints and the Law

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Chapters reviewed: 1, History; 4, Recording Living and Postmortem Friction Ridge Exemplars; 7, Latent Print Development; 11, Equipment

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Author of Chapters: 2 – Anatomy and Physiology of Adult Friction Ridge Skin; 10 – Documentation of Friction Ridge Impressions: From the Scene to the Conclusion. Chapters reviewed: 8, The Preservation of Friction Ridge Information; 9, Examination Process; 12, Quality Assurance

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Chapter reviewed: 13, Fingerprints and the Law

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Chapters reviewed: 5, Systems of Friction Ridge Classification; 10, Documentation of Friction Ridge Impressions: From the Scene to the Conclusion; 11, Equipment; 14, Scientific Research in the Forensic Discipline of Friction Ridge Individualization

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APPENDIX B: THE ORIGIN OF THE SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP ON FRICTION RIDGE ANALYSIS, STUDY AND TECHNOLOGY (SWGFAST)

With the development of the field of DNA analysis, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) implemented a technical working group to develop best-practice guidelines for the community. Having witnessed the success of the program, in 1992 they explored the concept of promoting the development of additional Technical Working Groups (TWGs) in support of other forensic disciplines. Three members of the latent print community were introduced to this initiative when they attended a meeting with Kenneth Nimmich at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. They heard about the program that provided for a structured means to develop consensus standards to preserve and improve the quality of service within the DNA discipline. Following this informal presentation, they were asked whether there would be any value in establishing a similar working group to address the latent print discipline. Stephen Meagher from the FBI Laboratory, Curtis Shane of the Naval Investigative Services, and Leonard Butt with the Baltimore County, Maryland, Police Department were all in agreement that they would support such a program. The meeting ended, and time passed.

On June 10, 1995, a group of 15 distinguished individuals came together at the first meeting of what became known as the Technical Working Group on the Forensic Aspects of Friction Ridge Analysis. The following people represented this founding body: David Ashbaugh (Royal Canadian Mounted Police); Margaret Black (Orange County Sheriff's Office, California); Diane Bowman (Oakland Police Department, California); Robin Bratton (Michigan State Police); James Johnson (United States Secret Service); John Nielson (Wisconsin Department of Justice); Curtis Shane (Naval Investigative Services); James Springs (South Carolina Law Enforcement Division); and, from the FBI, Danny Greathouse, John Massey, Stephen Meagher, Eugene Mulholland, Kenneth Nimmich, James Ridgely, and Claude Sparks.

The discussions that took place over the next 11 days served to lay the foundation for what this technical working group would attempt to accomplish. Amazingly, the thought was that this would be a short-term project. Expectations were that it would terminate upon the completion of the issuance of a set of guidelines to satisfy their self-imposed goal.

From the minutes of that first meeting:

The basic proposed purpose of the group is:

Create guidelines for latent print practitioner knowledge, analytical methodology, and ability to perform friction ridge examinations. To establish and promulgate methods for research and validation of innovative techniques. That the guidelines be recognized by forensic administrators and the judicial arena as the standard for acceptable practices of friction ridge examinations.

By definition, technical working groups are formed to address specific tasks. When the tasks are completed, the group is disbanded. The FBI determined that the established TWGs were to become long-term functioning bodies and they were reestablished as scientific working groups. To reflect this, the name Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study and Technology (SWGFAST) was officially adopted in 1998.

Over the years, the primary topics that have been the subject of consideration by the group have not changed very much. These include minimum qualifications and training, certification, proficiency testing, quality assurance, integrity, advancement of the technology, and adoption of guidelines. When appropriate, as events have occurred over the years that had the potential to impact the practicing community at large, attempts have been made to address them individually. There has never been a want of topics to be considered by SWGFAST.

As the role of SWGFAST evolved, its objectives became more refined and are more accurately reflected by the following:

- To establish standards and guidelines for the development and enhancement of friction ridge examiners' knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- To discuss and share friction ridge examination methods and protocols.
- To encourage and evaluate research and innovative technology related to friction ridge examination.
- To establish and disseminate standards and guidelines for quality assurance and quality control.

- To cooperate with other national and international organizations in developing standards.
- To disseminate SWGFAST studies, standards, guidelines, and findings.

SWGFAST's policy is to publish all guidelines and standards for comment from the community prior to being accepted as final documents. By design, this process is meant to ensure that the final work actually represents and satisfies the needs of practitioners as well as the science community and provides a vision that extends beyond that of just the SWGFAST membership.

After being discussed a minimum of three times over the years, in 2007 the decision was made to expand the role of SWGFAST beyond that of the latent print discipline. This was accomplished through the establishment of a standing committee of representatives from the tenprint community. Although it was recognized that each discipline has its own specific responsibilities, the underlying principles and interest are the same. Furthermore, tasks performed by latent print examiners are dependent on the services performed within the tenprint community. Experiences gained as a result of this expansion have revealed that the true differences between the disciplines are really quite minimal.

Evolution in the SWGFAST program is further demonstrated by the diversity represented among its members. SWGFAST has up to 40 Parent Body members and up to 10 members on the Tenprint Committee. Initially, the membership represented managers and practitioners from the latent print community. As consideration was given to new members, it was recognized that there would be significant value in providing a broader representation of backgrounds and interests. Currently, members come from diversified backgrounds and include latent print examiners, tenprint examiners, defense experts, researchers, academics, and managers. This group's diversity provides an objective, yet varied, perspective on all matters of interest to the group. The demographics represented by such a group serve to assure the inclusion of many justified, yet oftentimes opposing, perspectives that are to be discussed during the normal deliberations. This equates to a process that is better able to serve the community by injecting an internal measure of balance and objectivity when considering work on a particular task.



SWGFAST maintains a continued commitment to the overall needs of the friction ridge science community. As part of that commitment, the group makes recommendations that extend beyond the practicing community in order to support the discipline. A primary example of that can be found in this *Fingerprint Sourcebook*.

As with the SWGFAST documents, there will be a continuing need to update the materials contained in the *Fingerprint Sourcebook*. Provisions for such updating bring additional merit to the work as being a living document conceptualized to provide ongoing and current support for the profession.

Lenny Butt, Chairman

Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study and Technology



APPENDIX C: MEMBERS OF SWGFAST

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BERGMAN, Herman	Oakland Police, California	2006 to present
BLACK John	Private Examiner	2007 to present
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BLUME, Patti	Orange County Sheriff, California	1996
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BRANDON, Mary	Portland Police, Oregon	1996 to 2007
BRATTON, Robin	Michigan State Police	1995 to 2002
BUTT, Lenny	Maryland State Police	2002 to present
CAMPBELL, Mike	Milwaukee Police, Wisconsin	2003 to 2007
CARTER, Danny	Texas Dept. of Public Safety	1996 to 1998
CHAMPOD, Christophe	University of Lausanne, Switzerland	2005 to present
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COPPEJANS, Mary Sue	Alabama Department of Science	2003 to 2008
CURRIE, Ian	Royal Canadian Mounted Police	2007 to 2011



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FISCHER, Deborah	Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement	1999 to 2002
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GETTEMY, James	Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement	1998 to 2008
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LEWIS, Bridget	Iowa Crime Lab	2002 to present
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MCFARLANE, Walter	Alaska Crime Lab	1996 to 2001
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MOSES, Ken	San Francisco Police, California	1996 to 1997
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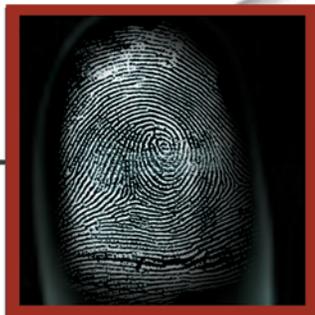


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SPARKS, Claude	Federal Bureau of Investigation	1995
SPECKELS, Carl	Phoenix Police, Arizona	2008 to present
SPRINGS, James	South Carolina Law Enforcement	1995 to 1997
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TROZZI, Tim	Federal Bureau of Investigation	1996 to 1999
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APPENDIX D: SWGFAST STANDARD TERMINOLOGY OF FRICTION RIDGE EXAMINATION, VER. 3.0

Preamble This document provides standard definitions for relevant terminology used in the friction ridge discipline. Common definitions found in other reference sources may not be included.

ACE-V. The acronym for a scientific method; Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation, and Verification (see individual terms).

AFIS. The acronym for Automated Fingerprint Identification System, a generic term for a fingerprint matching, storage, and retrieval system.

Analysis. The first step of the ACE-V method. The assessment of an impression to determine suitability for comparison.

APIS. The acronym for Automated Palmprint Identification System, a generic term for a palmprint (or complete friction ridge exemplar) matching, storage, and retrieval system.

Arch – plain. A pattern type in which the friction ridges enter on one side of the impression and flow, or tend to flow, out the other side with a rise or wave in the center.

Arch - tented. A pattern type that possesses either an angle, an upthrust, or two of the three basic characteristics of the loop.

Artifact. 1. Any distortion or alteration not in the original friction ridge impression, produced by an external agent or action.

2. Any information not present in the original object or image, inadvertently introduced by image capture, processing, compressions, transmission, display, or printing.

Bias. See cognitive bias, confirmation bias, and contextual bias.

Bifurcation. The point at which one friction ridge divides into two friction ridges.

Blind verification. The independent examination of one or more friction ridge impressions at any stage of the ACE process by another competent examiner who is provided with no, or limited, contextual information, and has no expectation or knowledge of the determinations or conclusions of the original examiner.

Bridge. A connecting friction ridge between, and generally at right angles to, parallel running friction ridges.

Characteristics. Distinctive details of the friction ridges, including Level 1, 2, and 3 details (also known as features).

Cognitive bias. The effect of perceptual or mental processes on the reliability and validity of one's observations and conclusions.

Comparison. The second step of the ACE-V method. The observation of two or more impressions to determine the existence of discrepancies, dissimilarities, or similarities.

Competency. Possessing and demonstrating the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform a specific task.

Complete friction ridge exemplars. A systematic recording of all friction ridge detail appearing on the palmar sides of the hands. This includes the extreme sides of the palms, joints, tips, and sides of the fingers (also known as major case prints).

Complex examinations. The encountering of uncommon circumstances during an examination (e.g., the existence of high distortion, low quality or quantity, the possibility of simultaneity, or conflicts among examiners).

Conclusion. Determination made during the evaluation stage of ACE-V, including individualization, inconclusive, exclusion.

Confirmation bias. The tendency to search for data or interpret information in a manner that supports one's pre-conceptions.

Conflict. A difference of determinations or conclusions that becomes apparent during, or at the end of, an examination.

Consultation. A significant interaction between examiners regarding one or more impressions in question.

Contextual bias. The effect of information or outside influences on the evaluation and interpretation of data.

Core. 1. The approximate center of a fingerprint pattern.
2. A specific formation within a fingerprint pattern, defined by classification systems such as Henry.

Delta. The point on a friction ridge at or nearest to the point of divergence of two type lines, and located at or directly in front of the point of divergence. Also known as a tri-radius.

Deviation. 1. A change in friction ridge path.
2. An alteration or departure from a documented policy or standard procedure.

Discrepancy. The presence of friction ridge detail in one impression that does not exist in the corresponding area of another impression (compare with dissimilarity).

Dissimilarity. A difference in appearance between two friction ridge impressions (compare with discrepancy).

Dissociated ridges. 1. Disrupted, rather than continuous, friction ridges.

2. An area of friction ridge units that did not form into friction ridges, generally due to a genetic abnormality.

Distortion. Variances in the reproduction of friction skin caused by factors such as pressure, movement, force, and contact surface.

Dot. An isolated friction ridge unit whose length approximates its width in size.

Edgescopy. 1. Study of the morphological characteristics of friction ridges.

2. Contour or shape of the edges of friction ridges.

Elimination prints. Exemplars of friction ridge skin detail of persons known to have had legitimate access to an object or location.

Enclosure. A single friction ridge that bifurcates and rejoins after a short course and continues as a single friction ridge.

Ending ridge. A single friction ridge that terminates within the friction ridge structure.

Erroneous exclusion. The incorrect determination that two areas of friction ridge impressions did not originate from the same source.

Erroneous individualization. The incorrect determination that two areas of friction ridge impressions originated from the same source.

Evaluation. The third step of the ACE-V method wherein an examiner assesses the value of the details observed during the analysis and the comparison steps and reaches a conclusion.

Exclusion. The determination by an examiner that there is sufficient quality and quantity of detail in disagreement to conclude that two areas of friction ridge impressions did not originate from the same source.



Exemplars. The prints of an individual, associated with a known or claimed identity, and deliberately recorded electronically, by ink, or by another medium (also known as known prints).

Features. Distinctive details of the friction ridges, including Level 1, 2, and 3 details (also known as characteristics).

Fingerprint. An impression of the friction ridges of all or any part of the finger.

Focal points. 1. In classification, the core(s) and the delta(s) of a fingerprint.

2. Another term for target group.

Friction ridge. A raised portion of the epidermis on the palmar or plantar skin, consisting of one or more connected ridge units.

Friction ridge detail (morphology). An area comprised of the combination of ridge flow, ridge characteristics, and ridge structure.

Friction ridge examiner. A person who analyzes, compares, evaluates, and verifies friction ridge impressions.

Friction ridge unit. A single section of ridge containing one pore.

Furrows. Valleys or depressions between friction ridges.

Galton details. Term referring to friction ridge characteristics (also known as minutiae) attributed to the research of English fingerprint pioneer, Sir Francis Galton.

Henry Classification. An alpha-numeric system of fingerprint classification named after Sir Edward Richard Henry used for filing, searching, and retrieving tenprint records.

IAFIS. The acronym for Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System, the FBI's national AFIS.

Identification. 1. See individualization.

2. In some forensic disciplines, this term denotes the similarity of class characteristics.

Impression. Friction ridge detail deposited on a surface.

Incipient ridge. A friction ridge not fully developed that may appear shorter and thinner than fully developed friction ridges.

Inconclusive. The determination by an examiner that there is neither sufficient agreement to individualize, nor sufficient disagreement to exclude.

Individualization. The determination by an examiner that there is sufficient quality and quantity of detail in agreement to conclude that two friction ridge impressions originated from the same source.

Joint (of the finger). The hinged area that separates segments of the finger.

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Known prints (finger, palm, foot). The prints of an individual, associated with a known or claimed identity, and deliberately recorded electronically, by ink, or by another medium (also known as exemplars).

Latent print. 1. Transferred impression of friction ridge detail not readily visible.

2. Generic term used for unintentionally deposited friction ridge detail.

Level 1 detail. Friction ridge flow, pattern type, and general morphological information.

Level 2 detail. Individual friction ridge paths and associated events, including minutiae.

Level 3 detail. Friction ridge dimensional attributes, such as width, edge shapes, and pores.

Lift. An adhesive or other medium used to transfer a friction ridge impression from a substrate.

Loop. A pattern type in which one or more friction ridges enter upon one side, recurve, touch or pass an imaginary line between delta and core and flow out, or tend to flow out, on the same side the friction ridges entered. Types include left slant loops, in which the pattern flows to the left in the impression; right slant loops, in which the pattern flows to the right in the impression; radial loops, in which the pattern flows in the direction of the radius bone of the forearm (toward the thumb); and ulnar loops, in which the pattern flows in the direction of the ulna bone of the forearm (toward the little finger).

Major case print. A systematic recording of the friction ridge detail appearing on the palmar sides of the hands. This includes the extreme sides of the palms, joints, tips, and sides of the fingers (also known as complete friction ridge exemplars).

Mark. Term commonly used in the United Kingdom and some Commonwealth countries to designate a latent print.

Matrix. The substance that is deposited or removed by the friction ridge skin when making an impression.

Minutiae. Events along a ridge path, including bifurcations, ending ridges, and dots (also known as Galton details).

Missed individualization. The failure to make an individualization when in fact both friction ridge impressions are from the same source.

NGI. The acronym for Next Generation Identification, the updated version of IAFIS.

Original image. Primary image; with respect to digital images, an accurate replica (bit-for-bit value) of the primary image.

Palmprint. An impression of the friction ridges of all or any part of the palmar surface of the hand.

Pattern classification. Sub-division of pattern type, defined by classification systems such as Henry or National Crime Information Center (NCIC) classifications.

Pattern type. Fundamental pattern of the ridge flow: arch, loop, whorl. Arches are subdivided into plain and tented arches; loops are subdivided into radial and ulnar loops; whorls are subdivided into plain whorls, double loops, pocket loops, and accidental whorls.

Phalanx/Phalange. 1. A bone of the finger or toe.
2. Sometimes used to refer to a segment of a finger.

Poroscopy. A study of the size, shape, and arrangement of pores.

Primary image. The first recording of an image onto media.

Proficiency. The ongoing demonstration of competency.

Quality. The clarity of information contained within a friction ridge impression.

Quantity. The amount of information contained within a friction ridge impression.

Ridge flow. 1. The direction of one or more friction ridges.
2. A component of Level 1 detail.

Ridge path. 1. The course of a single friction ridge.
2. A component of Level 2 detail.

Ridge unit. See friction ridge unit.

Segment (of the finger). The proximal, medial, or distal section of the finger.

Short ridge. A single friction ridge beginning, traveling a short distance, and then ending.

Simultaneous impression. Two or more friction ridge impressions from the same hand or foot deposited concurrently.

Source. An area of friction ridge skin from an individual from which an impression originated.

Spur. A bifurcation with one short friction ridge branching off a longer friction ridge.

Stand-alone. A segment of a simultaneous impression that has sufficient information to arrive at a conclusion of individualization independent of other impressions within the aggregate.

Substrate. The surface upon which a friction ridge impression is deposited.

Sufficiency. The product of the quality and quantity of the objective data under observation (e.g., friction ridge, crease, and scar features).

Sufficient. The determination that there is sufficiency in a comparison to reach a conclusion at the evaluation stage.

Suitable. The determination that there is sufficiency in an impression to be of value for further analysis or comparison.

Target group. A distinctive group of ridge features (and their relationships) that can be recognized.

Technical review. Review of notes, documents, and other data that forms the basis for a scientific conclusion (see ASCLDLAB 2008 Manual).

Tenprint. 1. A generic reference to examinations performed on intentionally recorded friction ridge impressions.
2. A controlled recording of an individual's available fingers using ink, electronic imaging, or other medium.



Tolerance. The amount of variation in appearance of friction ridge features to be allowed during a comparison, should a corresponding print be made available.

Trifurcation. The point at which one friction ridge divides into three friction ridges.

Type lines. The two innermost friction ridges associated with a delta that parallel, diverge, and surround or tend to surround the pattern area.

Verification. The independent application of the ACE process as utilized by a subsequent examiner to either support or refute the conclusions of the original examiner; this may be conducted as blind verification. Verification may be followed by some level of review as specified by agency policy.

Whorl - accidental. 1. A pattern type consisting of the combination of two different types of patterns (excluding the plain arch) with two or more deltas.

2. A pattern type that possesses some of the requirements for two or more different types of patterns.

3. A pattern type that conforms to none of the definitions of a pattern.

Whorl - central pocket loop. A pattern type that has two deltas and at least one friction ridge that makes, or tends to make, one complete circuit, which may be spiral, oval, circular, or any variant of a circle. An imaginary line drawn between the two deltas must not touch or cross any recurring friction ridges within the inner pattern area.

Whorl - double loop. A pattern type that consists of two separate loop formations with two separate and distinct sets of shoulders and two deltas.

Whorl - plain. A fingerprint pattern type that consists of one or more friction ridges that make, or tends to make, a complete circuit, with two deltas, between which, when an imaginary line is drawn, at least one recurring friction ridge within the inner pattern area is cut or touched.

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