

## **The O.J. Simpson Trial: Were the Bruno Magli shoe photographs fake?**

Remember the photographs of O.J. Simpson wearing the Bruno Magli shoes in Buffalo? Photographs of O.J. Simpson wearing Bruno Magli designer shoes were put into evidence during Simpson's murder trial. Bloody footprints from that type of shoe had been found, at the crime scene, near the bodies of Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman. This was a key piece of circumstantial evidence that the prosecution promoted during the trial, yet Simpson denied wearing the shoes.

Robert Groden, the man who spent years analyzing the Kennedy assassination photographs, testified in trial (for the defense) that the shoe photos were likely forgeries. Groden testified that there were **ten separate signs** of forgery in the negatives and that one of the easiest of the signs to understand was that the frame of the first shoes photo was physically larger *than all of the other negatives on the same roll*. He said that this would be impossible unless the photographer changed cameras between frames on the film roll (while the roll was in the camera). Gerald Richards, an expert with published credentials, testifies for the prosecution that images were 100 percent genuine (Weiss, 2009, p. 8).

The source of the roll of film was the *National Inquirer*.

### Reference:

Weiss, S. (2009). *Forensic Photography: The importance of accuracy*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.