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The Utah Division of I.A.I. Newsletter will accept any article or information of those wishing to submit to the editor. It is requested the submitted articles or information be in typewritten form or on 3.5" disks using Wordperfect 6.0 or lower.

Please send items to be published to the editor:

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The annual membership dues to the Utah Division of I.A.I. are currently \$10.00 per membership, or \$200.00 for a lifetime membership. Dues can be mailed to:

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Ms. Deborah Herrera-Parkin
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437 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**Utah Division of I.A.I.
Insignia Items**

As many of you know, The Utah Division of I.A.I. have T-Shirts with the Division Insignia screen printed on the front. We have recently ordered lapel pins which likewise bear the Division Insignia. These pins will look just like the newsletter front cover emblem. The lapel pins will be available after July 1, 1995. The prices for these two items are as follow:

- T-Shirts \$8.00 (any size)**
- Lapel Pins \$3.00 Members**
\$5.00 Non-Members

Contact 1995 President, Alice Erickson at (801) 965-4569 or Editor, Scott R. Spjut at (801) 965-4501 for further information or purchases of these items.

President's Message

WOW!!! It seems impossible that almost 6 months have gone by since the first of the 1995 year. I've enjoyed the first 6 months as Utah Division I.A.I. President and am looking forward to serving for the next six. As time rolls around for our fall meeting I invite all to plan to attend and bring along a friend, colleague or co-worker and encourage them to become a member of The Utah Division of I.A.I.

Our Spring meeting held in Fillmore on April 14th was great. Detective Brad Harmon, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, and Detective Terry Chen, West Valley City Police Department, graciously drove through a horror of a snow storm to be our guest speakers. The presentation they gave was well prepared and very informative. I wish all could have been there to see, hear and learn. There were some great door prizes and I believe a good time was had by all who attended. Thanks again to Sheriff Ed Phillips and Deputy Jim Masner and staff, Millard County Sheriff's Office for their hospitality in providing a wonderful facility and great food.

As you may have heard Deputy Jeff Itami, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, Richard Wright, Utah State Crime Lab and Utah I.A.I. Vice President, and Charles Illsley, I.A.I. 4th Vice President will be attending the 80th I.A.I. Annual Educational Conference in Costa Mesa, California in

July. We have ordered Utah I.A.I. pins and will be sending these with them for sale to those who would like to buy. Prices for the pins are \$3.00 for Utah I.A.I. members and \$5.00 for non-members. If you wish to purchase any pins, please contact Scott or myself. They will also be available for sale along with hats and t-shirts at the Fall meeting in September.

Again, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and hope that the Fall meeting will be beneficial to all who attend. More details will be in the next newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 965-4569. Have a great summer and we'll see you in September.

Alice Erickson - 1995 President

Technical Report Crime Scene Photography: The Silent Witness

The following article was originally printed in the Journal of Forensic Identification Vol. 45 No.3 by Stephen C. Warlen.

INTRODUCTION

While photographs are valuable aids to law enforcement in numerous aspects, they are particularly important in the complete recording of the crime scene. The ultimate example of crime scene recording probably would be the capture of all the events surrounding a crime as they were occurring. This magical capture would certainly ease the prosecution of the crimes, and even

prevent others from happening.

The closest one might come to this was illustrated once when a neighbor observed a burglary in progress and photographed the suspect coming out of the house with property in his hand. The one photograph that clinched this case showed the suspect's face as he stood by his vehicle, the trunk open, stolen goods on the ground, and the license plate in clear view. This is one of many instances where "a photograph is worth a thousand words."

In all reality, scenes are seldom recorded at the time a crime scene occurs, but this does not diminish the significance of crime scene photography to an investigation. The successful completion of criminal investigations often depend upon the appropriate application of photography.

Some investigators think of crime scene photography as a necessary but mundane task. There are several reasons for photographically recording the crime scene that should be put forth for consideration. These ideas are not only essential ingredients for investigating and photographing a crime scene, but in obtaining convictions.

Evidence is best understood when it can be seen. Therefore, it is apparent that crime scene photography is very important from the investigative stage through the end of

the trial, and sometimes beyond. Photographs are silent witnesses as they keep on speaking to the jurors after all other witnesses have departed and the closing arguments have been made.

Crime scene photography provides important documentation even when there are statements from an eye-witness to the crime or from others involved for the investigation to follow. Eye-witness testimony is not always dependable because witnesses do not always see and remember what truly occurred. Eye-witnesses also may have shortcomings related to perceptual errors, language problems, memory lapse, and sometimes hallucinations. Even officers and investigators do not always remember and totally recall what was at the scene.

PURPOSE

The following reasons for photographing the crime scene are put forth in hopes that they may stimulate the crime scene photographer to strive for a professional product that is, after all, essential in the total investigation and presentation of evidence in a court of law.

Visual Record

A photograph as part of a visual record is one of the main reasons for recording the crime scene on film. There needs to be a photographic record of almost everything that was present at the crime scene. A

photographic record can be used to show those being interviewed or interrogated in order to gain common understanding of the information that is being exchanged. Just as with a written record, crime scene photographs become a visible record.

Permanent Record

A photograph as a permanent record is valuable because the photographic record is documented in such a way that it can be referred to at any time. Photographs should be considered permanent because they are not only a part of the evidence, they serve as a means of identifying evidence. There are some instances where verifications of statements can be made by viewing the photographs of items of evidence, etc.

Helps Witnesses Recall

Photographs help witnesses recall what they observed. Witnesses' memories can be refreshed, especially after long court delays. This not only applies to the eye-witnesses but to the investigative officer's need to review their notes, reports, diagrams, and photographs before any testimony is given in a court of law. Few people have a memory so good that they do not need to review.

Beyond A Verbal Description

Photographs often go beyond what people say and how they say it. Verbal descriptions can have inherent limitations in conveying information about items from a

crime scene, particularly in terms of shape, size, dimensions, color, or other characteristics. Once the element of sight is added by the presentation of a photograph that shows just what an individual has described, the mental image can be completed. A photograph can often go beyond the verbal description.

Complete Detail

Photographs are capable of recording the scene in complete detail. Unlike portrait photography in which the photographer may only want the face to be sharp and the background somewhat blurry and out of focus, crime scene photographs should show a good depth of field and reveal all there is to see.

Objects and positions of objects are important. In the case of a homicide, the body location is important, but so, too, are the items near or not near the body. In an undetermined case of homicide or suicide, is the weapon at the scene or not at the scene? Is the weapon near the body or not near the body, or is it hidden under something else at the scene?

Items of evidence easily become important at a later date. Such items sometimes take on new meanings as the investigation progresses. When complete details are contained in photographs, they may furnish additional clues to the investigator. This is especially true of the investigator who was

not at the original crime scene. Clues can be developed in either direction; the investigator may talk to a witness and the witness will say something about what the investigator had seen in the crime scene photograph, or the witness may see something in the crime scene photograph that prompts further in-depth detail about the crime.

Clarify The Testimony Of Witnesses

Many time photographs will clarify or even improve the testimony of a witness by adding to the wordy and sometimes tedious descriptions given. Since witnesses can range from the very precise and interesting to the inarticulate and dull, a good photograph adds tremendously to anyone's testimony.

Language Of Form, Shadow, And Color

Photographs are said to express a language of their own. They can provide a different dimension to the verbal testimony. Photographs furnish a variety to the chain of demonstrative exhibits that the jury is to absorb and ponder over. People like to have input though all of their senses to help them understand what others are talking about, and jurors generally desire visualizing as to which others are testifying. Jurors want to experience the crime scene, even if it is sometimes their subconscious that is driving them to it. They want to see the whole picture.

SILENT WITNESS

Photographs are a type of witness in themselves. They speak to the jurors in the court room as they are offered and accepted as evidence. The photographs are viewed by the jury at that time and they then begin speaking to the jury. Once photographs are accepted and offered to the jury, they continue to influence the jurors during the course of the trial, and into the jury room where they must make their decision. Photographs are self-evident; they are there to be looked at and examined. Photographs are silent witnesses that keep testifying even after the court room is emptied.

CONCLUSION

The following statements are commonly heard: If I would have had just the right photograph, I think the jury would have understood..., or, I could have won the case with the proper photographs. Photographs are important to the witnesses, the police officers, the investigators, the attorneys, the judge, the jury, and the citizens who may be found guilty or not guilty of a crime because of all the evidence that can and should be offered.

A quality photograph has a tremendous capability of being the deciding factor in obtaining a conviction or acquittal, especially when it is virtually the only real evidence in the case. Crime scene photographs are "silent Witnesses" of what they portray.

For further information contact:

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 Regional Criminalistics Laboratory
 Kansas City Region
 1525 Holmes
 Kansas City, MO 64108
 (816) 234-5036

Donna or George Jewett at (408) 264-6780,
 or the 1995 Conference Coordinator, Ann
 Punter at (909) 988-6481.

If you would like to know more about the
 training or activities that have been at past
 International Conferences, contact the
 following Utah Division Members who
 have attended previous conferences:

**The 80th I.A.I. Annual
 Educational Conference
 July 23-28, 1995**

The 80th Annual Educational Conference
 and Training Seminar of The International
 Association for Identification (not the Utah
 Division) will be held July 23-28, 1995, at
 the Red Lion Hotel, Orange County
 Airport, in Costa Mesa, California.

Registration fees for the conference which
 are submitted prior to June 20, 1995 are as
 follow:

- Parent Body Member \$175.00 per person
- Spouse, guest \$125.00 per person
- Child under 18 years \$85.00 per person
- Non-member delegate \$225.00 per person

Registration fees submitted after June 20,
 1995 will be charged an additional \$25.00
 per person surcharge.

Further information concerning conference
 registration may be obtained by contacting

- Charles Illsley (801) 572-5355
- Jeff Itami (801) 535-5955
- Richard Wright (801) 965-4488
- Scott Spjut (801) 965-4501

**Plan Now To Attend
 The Utah Division of I.A.I.
 Fall Conference
 September 13, 1995**

Plans are being made for the Utah Division
 of I.A.I. Fall Conference on September 13,
 1995 at The Salt Lake Community College
 Campus. We will be having a business
 meeting, training, voting in new officers,
 and door prizes. And as in the past, lunch
 will be provided by the division.

With this much advanced notice the
 members and guests should have plenty of
 time to plan their schedules for attending
 our Fall Conference.

Investigative Case Story

The following Investigative Case Story was originally published in The Salt Lake Tribune April 14, 15, 1995. The original article has been condensed by the editor.

Beer-Can Trail Pops Open Burglary Cases

Originally Fillmore, Utah resident Glen Charles Pickett was to receive up to 15 years behind bars because of a taste for Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. Early Tuesday morning (April 11, 1995) detectives found Pabst Blue Ribbon cans at three burglaries in Fillmore, Utah. After making a few calls to local grocery stores, they found out Pickett was the only one in town who bought a 12-pack of Pabst the night of the burglaries.

Deputies with the Millard County Sheriff's Office drove to Fillmore's El Rancho Motel where the register said Pickett was staying. Officers found crumpled Pabst cans in a Chevy flat-bed pickup parked in front of the 35 year old's room. Under the cans, they also found a car jack, crow bar, and other tools stolen from one of the burglaries. Tread from the suspect's truck was consistent with one of the tire tracks left at one of the burglaries.

The truck and the empty cans belonged to Pickett. The Pickett allegedly detailed how he and his 13 year old nephew burglarized the three locations. Officers recovered \$20,000 worth of tools, \$150 cash, and two

flashlights. Pickett was originally charged with three counts of burglary and three counts of felony theft. He was then held without bail and his nephew was referred to juvenile court.

You may think the story ends there, however there was a slight mishap...

After Pickett confessed to the burglaries and helped return the stolen items, a judge ordered Glen Charles Pickett released from jail Wednesday without having to post bail. A Salt Lake County man named Glen Charles Pickett called Millard County Sheriff's Office and asked, "What's this about me getting arrested?" It turns out the arrested suspect gave police his half-brother's name instead of his own. Unfortunately this information was received after the suspect was released from jail without posting bail.

Officers rushed to the suspect's motel room and found the man, who they now believe is Corey Lee Petersen, had quickly skipped town. Petersen, 31 years old, has a history of burglarizing businesses and getting caught. Adult Parole and Probation officers informed they have been looking for Petersen, who was on parole for several past burglary convictions.

Why You Should Join The International Association for Identification

If you are engaged in the forensic sciences, you should hold membership in The International Association for Identification (I.A.I.) for a number of reasons, aside from insuring advancement in your chosen profession.

HERE'S WHY:

The I.A.I. which was organized in 1915 and incorporated as a non-profit Delaware organization, consists of members in the United States and its possessions and in many other countries. Two of its objectives are outlined in the constitution are *"To keep its members apprised of the latest techniques and discoveries in forensic identification and crime detection"* and *"To employ the collective wisdom of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of forensic identification and crime detection."*

For a nominal fee, membership in the I.A.I. gives you the prestige of belonging to the oldest and largest association in the forensic identification field. As a member, you receive its bi-monthly publication titled, *"Journal of Forensic Identification"* in which is published all of the latest information in the identification community and the current activities of the association.

As a member, you will also have the

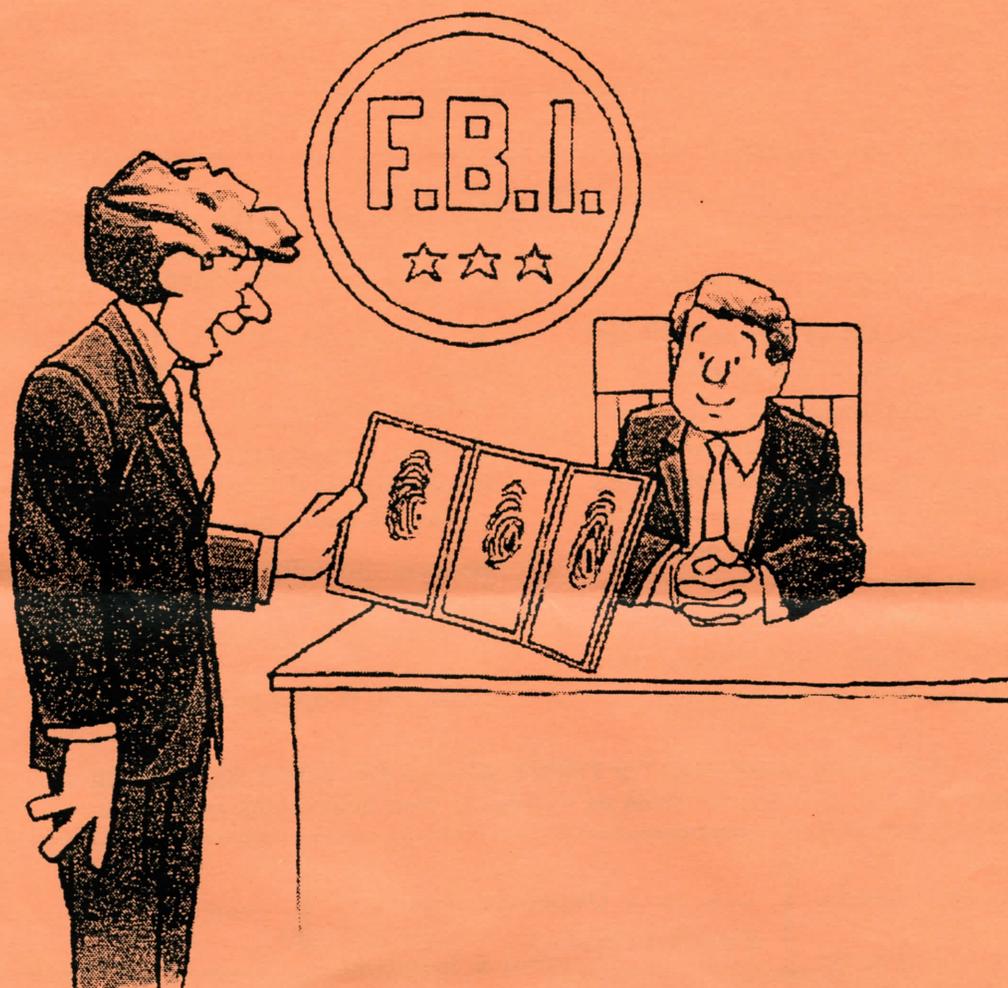
privilege of getting free technical assistance from the association's Science and Practice Committee at all times, and the right to attend and participate in their annual educational conferences, where you will meet and become acquainted with leading experts in all phases of scientific crime detection and identification.

BENEFITS OFFERED

- * Subscription to the bi-monthly *"Journal of Forensic Identification"*.
- * Articles on forensic identification by international authorities.
- * Annual membership directory.
- * Certification programs for: Latent Prints, Crime Scene Investigations and Voice Identifications and Voice Identification & Acoustic Analysis.
- * Latest information on scientific developments in various branches of forensic sciences.
- * Unique opportunities to personally discuss prevailing identification matters with other experts.
- * Latest legal decisions on admissibility of scientific evidence.
- * Opportunity to participate in advancement of forensic identification.

Attached is a two-sided application form for membership with the International Association for Identification.

In addition is a membership form for The Utah Division of I.A.I.



“Nice family, Ferguson.”

Date Rec'd and Membership Date _____ Amount Rec'd _____



Membership No. _____

International Association for Identification

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE RETURN TO: I.A.I., P. O. BOX 2423, ALAMEDA, CA 94501-2423
ANNUAL DUES: \$50.00 U.S. FUNDS

I hereby make application for membership in the International Association for Identification in accordance with its Bylaws and Constitution and agree to be bound by them.

I am applying for ACTIVE ASSOCIATE SUSTAINING Membership
(See Over) (See Over) (See Item 3, below)

Name in Full _____

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH ADDRESSES Check Mailing Preference

Business Title _____

Business Address _____

Home Address _____

Business Telephone _____ Ext. _____ Home Telephone _____
(will remain Confidential)

1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No. (If yes, give full details on other side).
2. I understand that application fees paid to the Association by any new applicant between January 1 and September 30 shall be applied to the membership dues for that calendar year only; fees paid by an applicant between October 1 and December 31 shall be applied to the following calendar year.
3. I also understand that if I apply for Sustaining Membership (10 x Annual Dues), I am relieved from the requirement of annual dues and assessments.

4. All applications **MUST** be accompanied by payment of Fees, which will be refunded if application is rejected. Incomplete Applications will be returned.
5. Also, I understand that my Membership Certificate is the property of the Association and must be returned to the Secretary upon my *resignation or suspension*.

Because this information will be used for compiling our Membership Directory, PLEASE be precise and complete ALL items.

Lapel Pin is optional for \$6.00, U.S. Currency.

6. PLEASE NUMBER UP TO THREE AREAS OF YOUR EXPERTISE

Indicate your primary discipline as Number 1, then other areas as 2, 3, etc.

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ Fingerprint Identification | _____ Questioned Documents* | _____ Polygraph |
| _____ Forensic Photography/ Electronic Imaging | _____ Firearms & Toolmarks | _____ Laboratory Analysis |
| _____ Voice Print & Acoustics | _____ Forensic Art | _____ Crime Scene Invest. |
| _____ Inovative/Gen. Techniques | _____ Footwear/Tire Tracks | _____ Bloodstain Pattern Analysis |

* Applicants in this discipline must attach a curriculum vitae.

7. Employed By: _____ How Long? _____

8. In what capacity? _____ How Long? _____

9. Recommendor: _____
Member's Name (Print or Type) Member's Number Signature Required

10. Address of Recommendor: _____ Date: _____

11. Approved _____
Signature and Date of Regional Representative

Approved _____
Signature and Date of Sub Committee Chairman

PERSONAL HISTORY

Degrees and/or Honors and other Qualifications for Membership:

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP The Active Membership of the Association shall consist of heads of Bureau of Identification or Investigation (including persons under their supervision who are engaged in the science of identification), heads of Police Departments, Chiefs of Detectives and sheriffs; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the foregoing persons are bona fide employees of, and who receive salaries from National, State, County or Municipal Governments, or some subdivision thereof.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP All reputable persons wholly or partially engaged in any of the various phases of the science of identification, and who are not qualified for Active membership, are hereby eligible to become Associate members; they shall, in all respects, be subject to the same rules, fees and charges and entitled to the same rights and privileges as Active members, except that they shall not be entitled to election to the office of Vice-President or President.

12. I certify that the information herein contained is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Any omission or falsification of information will be a basis for rejection or denial of continued membership.

Applicants Signature and Date _____

Signature of Applicant



The International Association For Identification Utah Division of I.A.I.

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Membership # _____

Date Received _____

Amount Received _____

I make application for Membership in the Utah Division of I.A.I. in accordance with its Constitution and By Laws, and agrees to be bound therewith. I am submitting the following with this application:

1. Membership Dues (\$10.00)
2. Permission to allow background check
3. Photograph of self

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department/Agency: _____

Office Address: _____

Residence Address: _____

Send Business Mail To: Office () Residence ()

Telephone: Office _____ Home _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes () No () If yes, state details:

Forensic Disciplines: (list in order 1,2,3)

| | | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| _____ | Latent Print Examiner | _____ | Forensic Art/Police Artist |
| _____ | Police Photographer | _____ | Polygraph Examiner |
| _____ | Crime Scene Specialist | _____ | Questioned Documents Examiner |
| _____ | Firearms & Toolmarks Examiner | _____ | Voice Identification |
| _____ | Forensic Studies Student | _____ | Crime Lab Specialist |
| _____ | Others _____ | _____ | (area) _____ |

MEMBERSHIP APPLYING FOR:

Professional Member: Consists of heads of bureau of identification or investigations, including persons under their supervision; persons engaged in the science of identification, crime lab analysis, crime scene investigators, heads of police departments or sheriff offices; employees of federal, state, county, or city governments; persons engaged in private investigation work or subdivisions thereof.

Associate Member: Consists of reputable persons who are wholly or partially engaged in any of the various disciplines of the science of identification, who are not qualified of Professional Membership, are hereby eligible to become Associate Members, subject to the same rules, fees, and charges, and are entitled to these same rights and privileges as Professional Members except they shall not be entitled to election of an office of Vice President of President.

Degrees and/or Honors _____

Recommended By: _____

Member Number: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Approved By: _____

Title: _____