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Attorney Suggested Wording for Latent Print Evidence Discovery Request

In preparation for defending your client you may determine that you need to have the latent print examinations which were conducted by a local, state or federal government's laboratory reviewed by the team of experts at Ron Smith & Associates. To accomplish this it is imperative that we have access to everything needed to conduct a thorough and complete examination. Your request under discovery needs to be precise for this to happen. The wording below has been designed by Ron Smith & Associates to insure that you submit to the court a clearly worded request. This request, if honored, will make it possible to conduct a full technical review of the evidence.

Suggested Wording for the Request of Latent Print Images and Documentation:

For the purposes of conducting an independent forensic review of the latent print examinations conducted in this case by the **(Agency Name)**, the following items are requested:

1. High resolution digital images (minimum of 1,000 PPI) of any and all latent or patent prints which were collected from the crime scene to include any and all latent lifts recovered and/or latent prints developed within the laboratory, regardless of whether they contained latent prints of value or not. All photographs and digital images should contain an appropriate forensic ruler (i.e. ABFO ruler).
2. Digital images (minimum of 150 PPI) of the back of any and all latent lifts to indicate the location from which the latent lifts were recovered.
3. High resolution digital images (minimum of 500 PPI) of any and all known record fingerprints and palm prints of any and all individuals who were compared in this case.
4. Digital images or scanned copies (minimum of 150 PPI) of any and all latent print analytical examination worksheets completed during the analysis of the evidence in this case, including all notes, and all other documentation which describe or otherwise contributed to the latent print examination conclusions reported by the **(Agency Name)**.
5. All digital images (minimum of 1,000 PPI) and photographs which contributed to the latent print conclusions reported by **(Agency Name)**.

6. Digital or scanned copies (minimum of 150 PPI) of any and all latent print operations manuals, procedures manuals or written agency directives regarding the methods to be utilized in the examination of latent print evidence.

The latent print case review will be conducted by Latent Print Examiners who have been tested and certified by the International Association for Identification. These examiners are employees of Ron Smith & Associates, Inc., an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited forensic identification company with a laboratory facility in Collinsville, Mississippi.