

Making Optimal Decisions in Latent Print Examinations Workshop

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In this workshop, participants will work through a variety of examples to improve their perceptual and decision-making abilities in latent print examinations. As part of their jobs, examiners must construct their own internal thresholds in relation to their peers for what constitutes an identification or exclusion decision. However, as an examiner improves his or her abilities, these thresholds will need to be updated. The exercises in this workshop will help each participant develop a principled technique to discover where the thresholds need to be to match their current and improving abilities. The workshop will present examples of how to avoid erroneous exclusions, which may occur in casework more often than is realized, and erroneous identifications. Finally, we will discuss how fatigue can affect both the perceptual and decision-making abilities, as well as how an examiner can recognize and mitigate fatigue.

LOCATION: US Secret Service Field Office, 1100 L Street NW, Suite 6000, Washington DC 20005

NEW Date and time: April 10-12, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$400.00 per participant

Hotel: Participants are responsible for making own hotel reservations at a nearby hotel.

Contact John Vanderkolk at vanderkolkjohn@yahoo.com for more course information, US Secret Service clearance information, and an application form to attend.