



FINGERPRINT • ANALYSIS

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The Consultant has considerable experience in all aspects of fingerprint and crime scene work and following army service in the Royal Military Police, he joined the West Riding Constabulary in 1955, transferring to the Fingerprint Department at Wakefield in 1957. In 1971 he was appointed Head of Department in the rank of Detective Chief Inspector, a post he held for 13 years and in this capacity he commanded a staff of over 100 personnel, examined all types of crime scenes and was the final arbiter in respect of fingerprint identifications. In 1984, Mr Swann was seconded to the Home Office in the rank of Superintendent as their 'Adviser' in fingerprint matters, a post he held for 3 years. During this period of service he was engaged in research into the development of fingerprints on different substrates at Home Office establishments, Sandridge and Aldermaston, lectured to both junior and advanced CID Courses at all leading training centres, was the Secretary to the National Conference of Fingerprint Experts from 1977 to 1987 and sat on various committees dealing with photo-fit and other forensic matters.

On leaving the police service in 1987 Mr Swann, prompted by the Home Office, moved into the private sector as a consultant, continuing his work in fingerprints. He has since dealt with some 2,900 cases during the past 35 years having been instructed by both the defence and prosecution in Australia, Eire, Europe, the Middle East, Far East and the USA to examine and report on cases before their courts. He has been involved in many high profile cases including the Murder of Police Constable Keith Blakelock (London) 1985, the Marchioness/Bowbelle Disaster Inquiry (London) 1989, The Darvell Brothers Appeal (Cardiff) 1992, The Murder of Marion Ross (Scotland) 1997, The Perth Mint Case, (Western Australia) 1998, McNamee Appeal (London) 1999 and Peter Kenneth Smith Appeal, (London) 2011. More recently he was a Core Participant in the Fingerprint Inquiry|Scotland (2009 onwards) and dealt with cases for the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

The Consultant is an Accredited Expert and Fellow of the Academy of Experts, a Fellow of the Fingerprint Society, a Life Active Member of the International Association for Identification and Member of its European Division, a Member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences and listed in the UK Register of Expert Witnesses. He is an authority on standards of evidence, fingerprint development techniques and maintains a reference library of fingerprint books, works and technical publications. His reports examine the accuracy of evidence submitted, procedures, continuity and methodology, the forging and/or transplanting of fingerprints, the age of fingerprints, fingerprints associated with blood, the significance of the positioning of fingerprints at crime scenes, the relevance of unidentified marks and what may be inferred there from. He has access to the most up to date laboratory facilities for the development of fingerprints on any type of substrate. Reports are usually completed within a week following the examination of exhibits in the case and all fees are in accordance with legal aid rates.

Full details of his consultancy may be seen at www.fingerprint-analysis.co.uk and he may be contacted by post at the address below, via e-mail at peterswann43@yahoo.com or by phone on 01924 264900 (office), 01924 276986 (home) and 07900 194155 (mobile).



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