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CORONER
Elizabeth K. Balraj, M.D.



JAMES THOMAS WENTZEL
11001 Cedar Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

EMPLOYMENT:

October 1985 - Present

Forensic Photographer, Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Photography (decedents, viscera, evidence, crime scenes, etc.)
Reconstructions (scale models, scale computer-aided drawings)
Digital Imaging/Electronic Image Enhancement
Imprint, Transfer and Pattern Analysis and Identification
Crime Scene Processing
Forensic Art (including desktop publishing and computer graphics)
Instruction/Training
Research (experimental design, method evaluation, analysis)
Mentor (forensic photography/digital imaging internship program)

EDUCATION:

Continuing Education:

April, 1999 *Advanced Photoshop 5.0.2* by Stan Kohn and Neil Sapienza. Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office, Cleveland, Ohio.

March, 1999 *Electronic Still Photography* by Stan Kohn and Neil Sapienza. Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office, Cleveland, Ohio.

October, 1987 *Tire Imprint Evidence* by Peter McDonald. Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists. Mackinac Island, Michigan.

February, 1987 *Hospital Photojournalism*. Biological Photographers Association. Akron Childrens Hospital, Akron, Ohio.

College:

1982 - 1984 CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART, Cleveland, Ohio. Major area of study: Industrial Design.



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College (cont.):

1979 - 1981

TRI - STATE UNIVERSITY, Angola, Indiana. Major area of study: Engineering.

High School:

1978 - 1979

COLEGIO INTERNACIONAL DE CARACAS. High School diploma (American). Caracas, D.F., Venezuela.

1975 - 1978

ASSOCIACAO ESCOLA GRADUADA DO SAO PAULO. Sao Paulo, S.P., Brazil.

CERTIFICATION:

March, 1993

Certified Instructor, Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program. Certificate No. 8424. No expiration date.

EXPERT TESTIMONY:

1993 - Present

Testified as an expert witness nine times in three Ohio counties regarding the following relevant topics:

*Cuyahoga County (6) - Crime Scene/Traffic Accident Reconstruction,
Imprint Pattern Analysis (Forensic Photography)
Huron County (2) - Transfer Pattern Analysis (Forensic Photography)
Summit County (1) - Traffic Accident Reconstruction*

GRANT AWARDS:

2000

Instructor - "Forensic Training Program", Federal Award Grant # 99-DG-G03-7455, Year 4, Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Assistance Program.

1999

Instructor - "Forensic Training Program", Federal Award Grant # 98-DG-G03-7455, Year 3, Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Assistance Program.



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GRANT AWARDS (cont.):

- 1998 Instructor - "Forensic Training Program", Federal Award Grant # 97-DG-G03-7455, Year 2, Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Assistance Program.
- 1997 Instructor - "Forensic Training Program", Federal Award Grant # 96-DG-G03-7455, Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Assistance Program.
- 1997 Principal Investigator - "Electronic Imaging Research on Bite Marks, Hairs, and Fibers", Federal Award Grant # 94-DG-G02-7462, Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Assistance Program.
- 1989 Co-Principal Investigator - "Toneline Bite Mark Photography", Grant # 88-IJ-CX-0031 from the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

PUBLICATIONS:

Research:

Balraj, Elizabeth K., M.D., Wentzel, James T., Caramela-Miller, Sandra A., Ph.D., Robinson, Elizabeth, D.D.S., "Electronic Imaging Final Research Report", 1998, 35 pages (*executive summary for Federal Award Grant # 94-DG-G02-7462*).

Robinson, E. and Wentzel, J., "Toneline Bite Mark Photography," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, JFSCA, Vol. 37, No. 1, Jan. 1992, pp. 195-207.

Statistical Reports:

Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1998, 216 pages.

Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1997, 116 pages.

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Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1995, 208 pages.



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Statistical Reports (cont.):

Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1994, 210 pages.

Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1993, 208 pages.

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Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1989, 207 pages.

Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1988, 210 pages.

Balraj, Elizabeth K. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1987, 202 pages.

Gerber, Samuel R. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1986, 190 pages.

Gerber, Samuel R. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1985, 196 pages.

Gerber, Samuel R. M.D., "Cuyahoga County Coroner's Statistical Report," 1984, 190 pages.

Instructional Manual:

Balraj, Elizabeth K., M.D., Luke, Linda M., B.S., Wentzel, James T., Caramela-Miller, Sandra A., Ph.D., "Evidence Collection Training Manual for Law Enforcement", 1997, 65 pages.



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Graphics/Photography:

Printed and circulated graphics and/or photographs appear one or more times in the following publications:

Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Journal of Forensic Sciences
Journal of Forensic Toxicology
The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology
Proceedings of the International Symposium on Forensic Toxicology

INVITED LECTURES/TRAINING PRESENTED:

October, 1999

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from Garfield Heights were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format.

September, 1999

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Parma Heights and Broadview Heights.

August, 1999

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

North Randall, Warrensville Heights, Highland Hills, Gates Mills, Beachwood, and Highland Heights.

August, 1999

Forensic Photography. Lecture and workshop for officers of University Hospital Protective Services, University Hospitals; Cleveland, Ohio.

July, 1999

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Westlake, Bay Village, Lakewood, Brooklyn, and Seven Hills.



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INVITED LECTURES/TRAINING PRESENTED (cont.):

June, 1999

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Olmsted Falls and Brooklyn Heights.

May, 1999

Forensic Photography. Slide presentation and lecture to members of the Watter's Science Seminar at Lakewood High School, Lakewood, Ohio.

February, 1999

The State of Ohio vs. Lamont Clark and other Computer Reconstructions. Slide presentation and lecture regarding expert testimony for Evidence Class at the University of Akron Law School; Akron, Ohio.

October, 1998

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from Middleburg Heights were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format.

September, 1998

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Garfield Heights, Chagrin Falls, Bedford, Strongsville and Brooklyn.

August, 1998

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Linndale, Cleveland Metroparks, Seven Hills, Independence, Parma Heights, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village and Richmond Heights.

July, 1998

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Walton Hills, North Randall, Glenwillow and Middleburg Heights.



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INVITED LECTURES/TRAINING PRESENTED (cont.):

February, 1998

The State of Ohio vs. Lamont Clark and other Computer Reconstructions. Slide presentation and lecture regarding expert testimony for Evidence Class at the University of Akron Law School; Akron, Ohio.

September, 1997

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Brooklyn Heights, Independence, U.S. National Parks, Avon, Olmsted, North Royalton, Strongsville, Brecksville, Mentor, Rocky River, Pepper Pike and Cleveland Metroparks Rangers.

August, 1997

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Berea, Avon, Westlake, Rocky River and Strongsville.

July, 1997

Crime and Accident Scene Documentation. Detectives, Patrolman and Evidence Technicians from the following municipalities were trained in an intensive, hands-on, mock crime scene format:

Avon Lake, Fairview Park, Beachwood, Bay Village, Norfolk Southern Railroad, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Westlake, Rocky River, Olmsted Township, Westlake EMS, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, Lakewood, Richmond Heights, Mayfield Village and Highland Heights.

May, 1997

Computer Imaging and Computer-Generated Reconstruction. Visiting class from Lorain Community College. Computer demonstration, slide presentation and lecture.

April, 1997

Computer Imaging and Computer-Generated Reconstruction. Annual meeting of National Black Police Association, Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.



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INVITED LECTURES/TRAINING PRESENTED (cont.):

October, 1996

Crime Scene Documentation and Reconstruction. Basic Course for Police Officers, Shaker Heights Police Academy; Shaker Heights, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.

June, 1996

Crime Scene Documentation and Reconstruction. Basic Course for Police Officers, Shaker Heights Police Academy; Shaker Heights, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.

May, 1996

Computer Imaging and Computer-Generated Reconstruction. Visiting class from Lorain Community College. Computer demonstration, slide presentation and lecture.

Crime Scene Documentation. Hands-on, intensive workshop for Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cleveland, Ohio. Mock crime scene and lecture.

June, 1995

Crime Scene Documentation and Reconstruction. Basic Course for Police Officers, Shaker Heights Police Academy; Shaker Heights, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.

April, 1995

Crime Scene Documentation and Reconstruction. Warrensville Heights Police Department; Warrensville Heights, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.

Overview of Computer Imaging and Reconstruction. Visiting class from Lorain Community College. Computer demonstration, slide presentation and lecture.

January, 1995

Measuring, Photographing and Reconstructing the Crime Scene. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.

December, 1994

Similarities and Differences in Computer Graphic, Video, VHS and Film Resolutions. Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office Staff; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.



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INVITED LECTURES/TRAINING PRESENTED (cont.):

May, 1994	<i>Crime Scene Reconstruction.</i> Introduction to Forensic Science Course, Cleveland State University; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
April, 1994	<i>Investigative Tools and Crime Scene Reconstruction.</i> Basic Course for Police Officers, Shaker Heights Police Academy; Shaker Heights, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
	<i>Measuring and Photographing the Crime Scene.</i> Introduction to Forensic Science Course, Cleveland State University; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
	<i>Overview of Computer Imaging and Reconstruction.</i> Visiting class from Lorain Community College. Computer demonstration and lecture.
March, 1994	<i>The Photography Department's Computer Services.</i> Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office Staff; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
February, 1994	<i>Overview of Computer Imaging and Reconstruction.</i> Visiting students from Kent State University. Computer demonstration and lecture.
October, 1993	<i>Investigative Tools and Crime Scene Reconstruction.</i> Basic Course for Police Officers, Shaker Heights Police Academy; Shaker Heights, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
	<i>Computer-Generated Crime Scene Reconstruction.</i> Ohio Identification Officers Association; Mayfield Village, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
September, 1993	<i>AutoCAD Crime Scene Reconstruction.</i> Cleveland Bar Association; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
May, 1993	<i>Crime Scene Reconstruction.</i> Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office Staff; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.



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INVITED LECTURES/TRAINING PRESENTED (cont.):

May, 1993	<i>Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction.</i> Geauga County Major Crimes Task Force; Middlefield, Ohio. Mock crime scene, slide presentation and <i>Measurements</i> workshop.
October, 1992	<i>Investigative Tools and Crime Scene Reconstruction.</i> Basic Course for Police Officers, Shaker Heights Police Academy; Shaker Heights, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
April, 1992	<i>Crime Scene Management and Reconstruction.</i> Kent State University; Kent, Ohio. Mock crime scene, lecture and slide presentation in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
November, 1991	<i>Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction.</i> Broadview Heights Police Department; Broadview Heights, Ohio. Mock crime scene investigation, lecture and slide presentation.
March, 1991	<i>Imprint, Transfer, or Pattern Identification.</i> Case Western Reserve University, Center for Criminal Justice, Advanced Course for Police Officers; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
February, 1991	<i>Crime Scene Processing.</i> Shaker Heights Police Department; Shaker Heights, Ohio. Mock crime scene investigation, lecture and slide presentation.
June, 1990	<i>Pattern and Imprint Evaluation and Identification.</i> Case Western Reserve University, Center for Criminal Justice, Advanced Course for Homicide Detectives; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
March, 1990	<i>Crime Scene Photography.</i> Case Western Reserve University, Center for Criminal Justice, Basic Course for Police Officers; Cleveland, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.
February, 1990	<i>Toneline Bilemark Photography.</i> National Institute of Justice Research Committee; Cincinnati, Ohio. Slide presentation and lecture.



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MOCK TRIAL COURT TRAINING:

October, 1999

Participated in mock trial training of the following Trace Evidence Department forensic scientist(s): Curtiss L. Jones, M.S.

July, 1999

Participated in mock trial training of the following Trace Evidence Department forensic scientist(s): Andrea Fischer, M.S., Julie Heinig, M.S.

November, 1998

Participated in mock trial training of the following Trace Evidence Department forensic scientist(s): Selvarangan Ponnazhagan, Ph.D., Julie Heinig, M.S.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION:

October, 1987

The Decedent as Witness. Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists; Mackinaw Island, Michigan. Scale model and poster presentation.

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