

BODZIAK FORENSICS

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Curriculum Vitae for William J. Bodziak

Mr. Bodziak was born in Washington, D.C. where he received his early education. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (AB) degree in Biology from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina and a Masters of Science in Forensic Science (M.S.F.S.) degree from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

In January of 1970, Mr. Bodziak was appointed a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Following Special Agent training at the FBI Academy, he served in an investigative capacity in the FBI offices in New Haven, Connecticut, Baltimore, Maryland, and Hyattsville, Maryland. From August of 1973 until December of 1997, he was assigned to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C. He retired from the FBI in Jacksonville, Florida, in December of 1998. During his time at the FBI Laboratory, he conducted thousands of forensic examinations of questioned documents and footwear and tire tread impressions and contributed to numerous major investigations. He has testified as an expert witness in Federal, state and local courts throughout the United States. He has also given expert testimony in courts in Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, South Africa, and Canada. He has lectured and provided instruction on topics related to examinations of footwear and tire tread impression evidence to examiners of the FBI Laboratory, at classes at the FBI Academy, the FBI International Law Enforcement Academy in Budapest, Hungary, and at numerous seminars and conferences throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and Turkey.

Mr. Bodziak authored the world known texts, *Footwear Impression Evidence: Detection, Recovery and Examination* (2000) and *Tire Tread and Tire Track Evidence: Recovery and Forensic Examination* (2008). He has also authored chapters in other books as well as articles in professional journals in the areas of questioned documents and footwear and tire tread impression evidence. He is a *Fellow* of the Questioned Document section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and has served as both Secretary and Chairman of that section. He is a former *Member* of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners and is currently a *Certified Diplomate* of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners. During his time in the FBI Laboratory, he was certified by the Director of the FBI in the examination of questioned document, footwear and tire tread evidence. In addition, he is a *Distinguished Member* of the International Association for Identification where he is a certified footwear examiner and has served as the Chairman of the Footwear and Tire Track section. Mr. Bodziak currently operates Bodziak Forensics in Palm Coast, Florida and continues to provide forensic examination services and training.

Areas of Expertise

Examination of Questioned Documents

Certified: by the Director, while at the Federal Bureau of Investigation
by the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (ABFDE)

Examination of Footwear Impressions

Certified: by the Director, while at the Federal Bureau of Investigation
by the International Association for Identification

Examination of Tire Tread Impressions

Certified: by the Director, while at the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Court Experience

Qualified on over 400 occasions as an expert in criminal and civil cases including:

Federal Courts
State and Local Courts
Military Court
Foreign Courts

Organizational Affiliations

American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
Fellow, Questioned Document Section
Past Secretary and Chairman of the AAFS Questioned Document Section
American Board of Forensic Document Examiners, Inc.
Certified Diplomate since May 1994
American Society of Questioned Document Examiners
Member from August 1997 through 2009
International Association for Identification
Distinguished Member
Member of the Footwear and Tire Track Subcommittee
Past Chairman of Footwear and Tire Track Subcommittee
Previous member of Footwear Certification Committee
Scientific Working Group for Footwear and Tire Impression Evidence (SWGTTREAD)
Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

FBI Training

FBI Special Agent Training (1/70-4/70)
Questioned Document, Footwear and Tire Impression Training
at the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C. (8/73-7/76)
Forensic Photographic Techniques, FBI Academy (1/6-17/75)
Collection and Preservation of Physical Evidence, FBI Academy (1981)
General Police Instructors In-Service Class, FBI Academy (12/3/86)
Typewriter Examination In-Service Training, FBI Academy (11/9-10/87)
Medical-Legal Investigation Seminar, FBI Academy (12/16-1/91)

Awards

Recipient of the International Association for Identification's John A. Dondero Memorial Award in July,
2006

Books Published

Footwear Impression Evidence, Elsevier Sciences Publishing Company, (1st edition, 1990)

Footwear Impression Evidence: Detection, Recovery and Examination, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida (2nd edition, 2000).

Tire Tread and Tire Track Evidence: Recovery and Examination, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida (February, 2008)

Forensic Evidence, California District Attorney's Association, Sacramento, California (1999):
Authored Chapter 9 on Footwear and Tire Tread Evidence

Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences, Academic Press, Harcourt Publishers Ltd., Kent, England (2000): Authored units on Pattern Evidence: Footwear Marks, and Pattern Evidence: Vehicle Tire Marks and Tire Track Measurements.

Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida (2005): Authored chapters on Footwear Impression Evidence (Chapter 18) and Tire Impression Evidence (Chapter 19)

Articles Published

Bodziak, W.J. "Shoe and Tire Impression Evidence," *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin* 53(7) 2-12, 1984.

Bodziak, W.J. "Manufacturing processes for athletic shoe outsoles and their significance in the examination of footwear impression evidence," *Journal of Forensic Sciences* 31(1):153-176, 1986.

Music, D., Bodziak, W.J. "A forensic evaluation of the air bubbles present in polyurethane shoe outsoles as applicable in footwear impression comparisons," *Journal of Forensic Science* 33(5):1185-1197, 1988.

Bodziak, W.J. "Use of leuco-crystal violet to enhance shoe prints in blood," *Forensic Science International*, 82(1):45-52, 1996.

Bodziak, W.J. "Back to Basics" *Journal of Forensic Identification*, vol. 47, No. 3, May-June, 1997.

Bodziak, W.J. "Some methods for taking two-dimensional standards of tires," *Journal of Forensic Identification*, 46(6) pp 689-701, 1996.

Bodziak, W.J. "The Manufacture, Examination, and Identification of Die Cut Corrugated Boxes," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 41(6): 990-997, 1996.

Bodziak, W. J. "Edge Characteristics of Commercially Produced Paper Stock" *Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners*, vol. 1, number 1, pp 57-66, June 1998.

Bodziak, W. J., Hammer, L., "An Evaluation of Dental Stone, Traxtone, and Crime-Cast", *Journal of Forensic Identification*, 56(5), p769; 2006