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#### **Summary Report**

Fall 2020 Latent Print Processing Proficiency Test #20502 Issued: November 20, 2020

On September 7, 2020, Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. (RS&A) shipped the Latent Print Processing Proficiency Test #20502. Participants were required to submit their responses no later than October 19, 2020 in order for them to be included in this summary report.

A total of 80 tests were ordered and shipped, with 54 participants returning their responses. <u>This summary report is based on 211 individual responses (54 participants returning up to 4 responses each)</u>. The test included four items for latent print processing.

The results presented in this report reflect whether or not the participants' submitted results agree or disagree with the assigned values garnered from pre-distribution testing and outlined in *The Manufacturer's Report* (Appendix 1). The primary purpose of a Summary Report is to provide an overall documentation of all the submitted responses. It is RS&A's intention to go a step further by providing more meaningful statistical results through analyzing the submitted responses in relation to the demographics obtained from each of the examiners participating in this proficiency test. All results and statistics for this test will be outlined through graphs and charts found in the remainder of this report.

Prior to distribution of this test, all of the expected responses were determined to be either "positive" or "negative" for friction ridge detail. In designing this proficiency test, it is understood that sometimes friction ridge detail may be present on an item during the manufacturing process. For this reason, all items are cleaned prior to being included in a test. Because of the latent nature of the prints, it is possible that some portions of friction ridge detail can be missed in the cleaning process. To satisfy this condition for the test, all developed friction ridge detail has to be photographed in order to be given credit. If the photograph is accepted, the participant will be given credit for the friction ridge development in instances when the expected answer was negative.

RS&A strives to maintain the confidentiality of all of its clients and participants. All results are obtained and published using randomly generated test codes. RS&A will not release the identity of any participant without the written consent of the participant and/or the agency involved.

For any additional information, please contact the Proficiency Testing Coordinator at testing@ronsmithandassociates.com or by calling toll free at 1-866-832-6772.



#### **Test Manufacturer's Information**

#### Fall 2020 Latent Print Processing Proficiency Test #20502

The test consisted of four items labeled as Item #1 (ID Holder), Item #2 (Key), Item #3 (Key Tag) and Item #4 (Post-it-Note). The items were similar to those normally encountered in latent print casework. The participant was required to process the exhibits for the presence of friction ridge detail. The assigned values below were determined through the ground truth information and verified through unanimous agreement during pre-distribution testing.

Item # Assigned Value			
Item #1 (ID Holder)	Ridge Detail <u>Was</u> Developed– Supported with Electronically Captured Image		
Item #2 (Key)	Ridge Detail <u><b>Was Not</b></u> Developed		
Item #3 (Key Tag)	Ridge Detail <u>Was</u> Developed– Supported with Electronically Captured Image		
Item #4 (Post-it-Note)	Ridge Detail <u>Was</u> Developed– Supported with Electronically Captured Image		

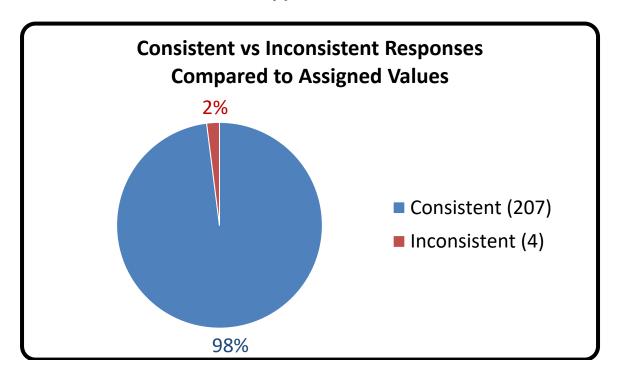
Individual reports will be provided to participants on or before mid November 2020. The final summary report for this test will be posted on the Ron Smith and Associates website at <a href="http://www.ronsmithandassociates.com/proficiency/lpprocessing.html">http://www.ronsmithandassociates.com/proficiency/lpprocessing.html</a> by late November 2020.

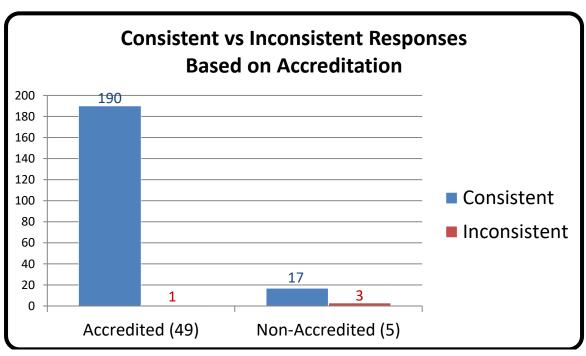
It is recommended to postpone evaluating an individual's performance until after you have received the statistical averages contained in the summary report.

For questions or further information, contact the Proficiency Testing Coordinator by emailing <a href="mailto:testing@ronsmithandassociates.com">testing@ronsmithandassociates.com</a> or call toll free at 1-866-832-6772.

**Authorized by:** Ron Smith, President **Issue Date:** November 3, 2020



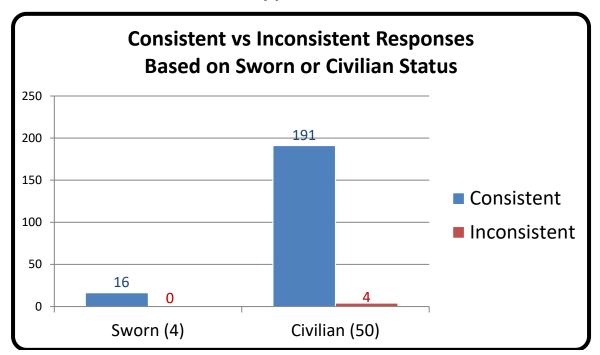


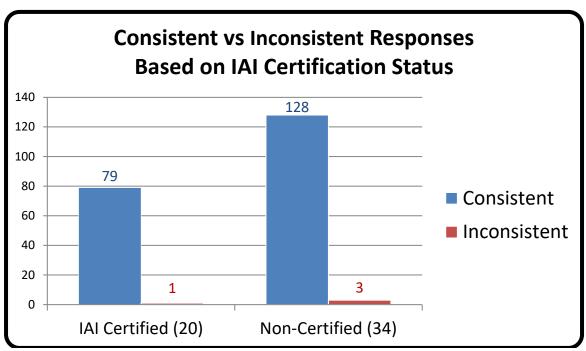


<sup>\*</sup>Numerical values shown are based on **54 participant submissions** equaling **211 total responses**.

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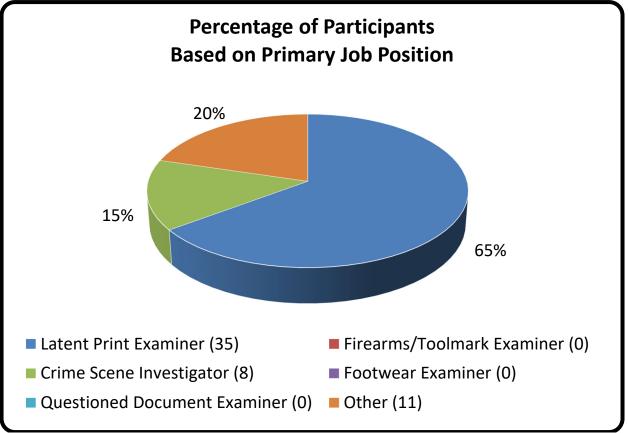


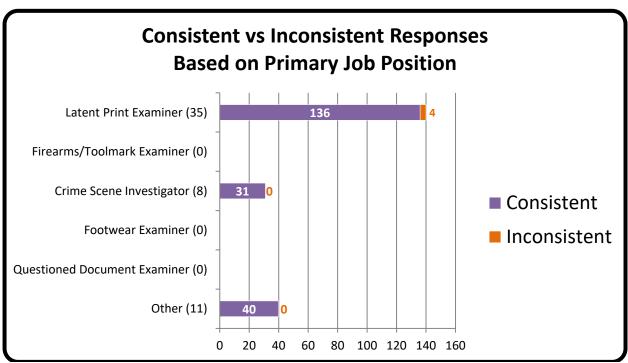


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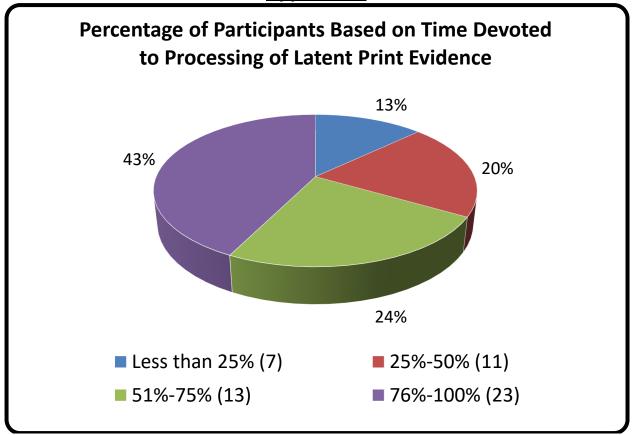


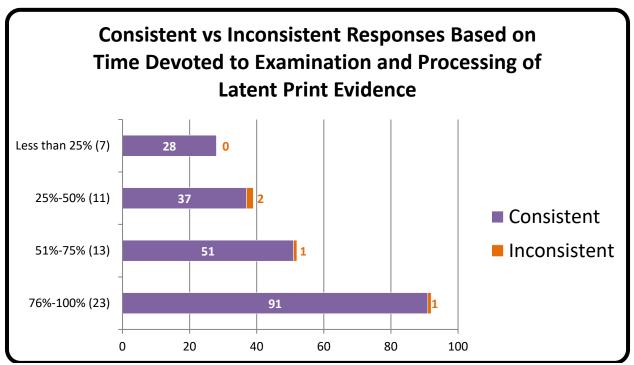


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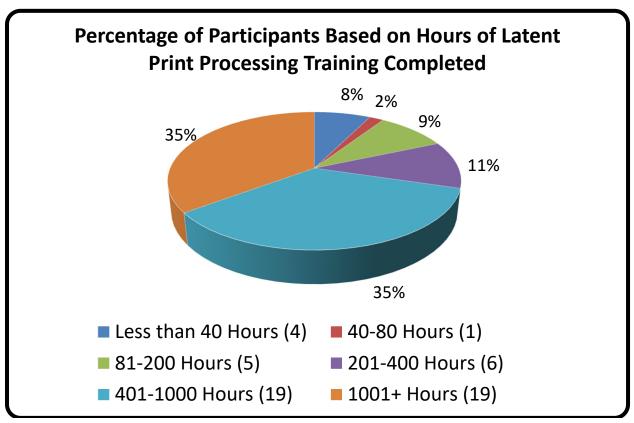


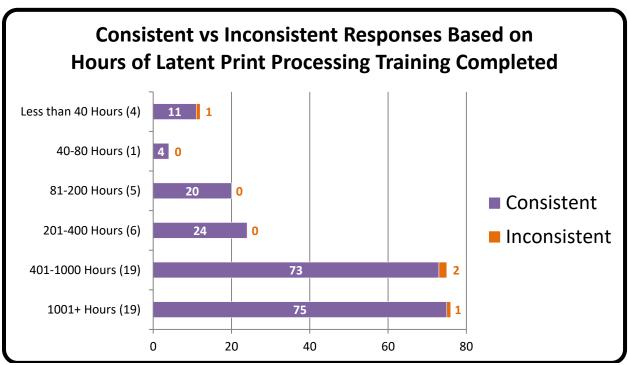


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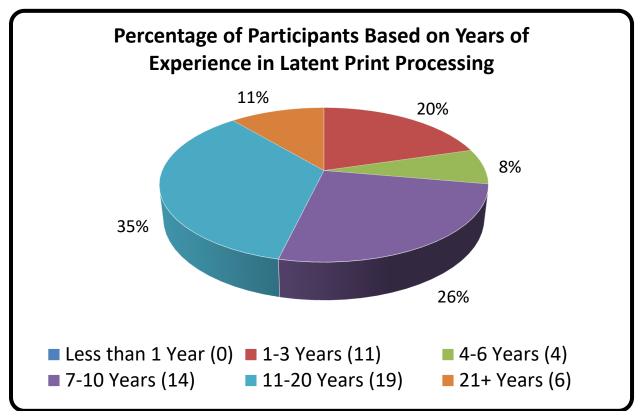


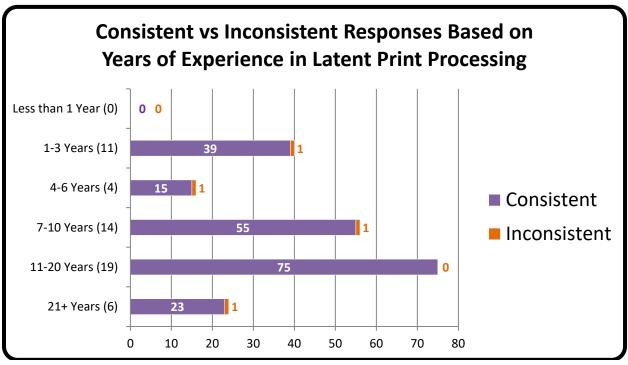


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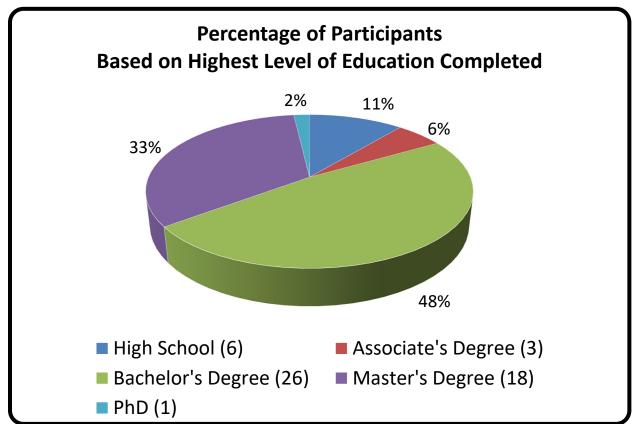


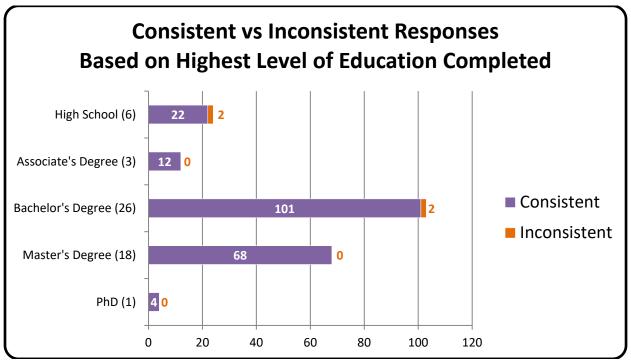


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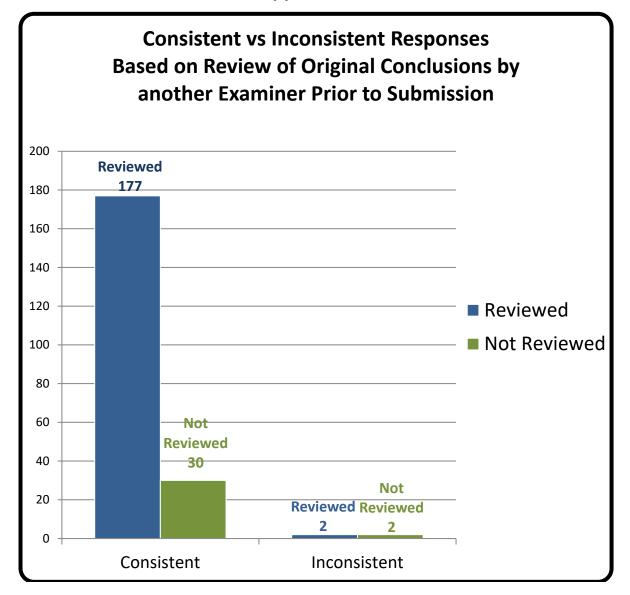




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# **Participant Responses Listed by Test Code**

	Item #	Item #1	Item #2	Item #3	Item #4
	Assigned Values	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was or <u>Was</u> <u>Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
	3113S20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was</u> Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
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O		Detail <u>Was Not</u>	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	
Test Code	8874120502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph  Friction Ridge Detail Was Not Developed	Detail Was Not	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
	3683U20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Supported with photograph
	4784120502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	•	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
	4910M20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
	8604K20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph



7510P20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
8787U20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed		Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
3179020502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
5119Y20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
5612020502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
3450S20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
2529L20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	No Answer *Unit does not process porous items
1433D20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	No Answer *Unit does not process porous items	No Answer *Unit does not process porous items
5241Y20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	No Answer *Unit does not process porous items	No Answer *Unit does not process porous items
4303E20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
5375T20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
7769G20502	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph



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3866X20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	•
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	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail
3093X20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
3033720302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
4265H20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
42031120302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
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2077120502	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u>	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
2077J20502	Supported with	Detail <u>was Not</u> Developed	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
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4047520502	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
4817E20502	Supported with	Detail Was Not	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
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640120502	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
619120502	Supported with	Detail Was Not	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
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1070030503	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
1079Q20502	Supported with	Detail Was Not	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	Friction Ridge Detail	Frieties Dides	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
6942020502	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
6842O20502	Supported with	Detail Was Not	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	Friction Ridge Detail	Eriction Didas	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail
1022020502	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
1922Q20502	Supported with	Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
2422R20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
2422N2U3U2	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	Friction Ridge Detail	Eriction Didge	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail
5958H20502	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u>	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
39301120302	Supported with	Detail <u>was Not</u> Developed	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
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4048P20502	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
4040720302	Supported with	Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Supported with	Supported with
	photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph



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		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail
	9213B20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
		Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
	5036F20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
	3030F20302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
	6181R20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
	0181N20302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
	7834U20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
	7834020302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail
	8386J20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
	8380320302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	•
	7014E20502	Was Developed and	Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
	7014E20502	Supported with		Supported with	Supported with
		photograph		photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail
	4256J20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
		Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
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	6413L20502	Detail Was Not	Detail Was Not Developed	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
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	3512V20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	
		Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
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		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	_
	7697020502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
		Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
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		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	_
	1684O20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
		Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	•	photograph	photograph
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	8044F20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
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		photograph	•	photograph	photograph



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		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	_	Friction Ridge Detail
	5460W20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	
	3400W20302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
	9098P20502	Was Developed and	Detail Was Not	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
	9098F20302	Supported with	Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
		Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail
	2222020502	Was Developed and	_	Was Developed and	Was Developed and
	3223020502	Supported with	Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	8872Z20502	Friction Ridge Detail	Friction Ridge Detail Was Not	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
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		Supported with		Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
	278S20502	Friction Ridge Detail	Fulation Distan	<b>Friction Ridge Detail</b>	Friction Ridge Detail
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		Supported with	Detail Was Not	Supported with	Supported with
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	524W20502	Supported with	Detail Was Not	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
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		Supported with	Detail Was Not	Supported with	Supported with
		photograph	Developed	photograph	photograph
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	00701400500	Was Developed and	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Was Developed and	_
	8878W20502	Supported with		Supported with	Supported with
		photograph		photograph	photograph
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# **Totals**

Item #	Item #1	Item #2	Item #3	Item #4
Assigned Values	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail <u>Was Not</u> Developed	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph	Friction Ridge Detail Was Developed and Supported with photograph
Consistent Responses	52	54	50	51
Inconsistent Responses	2	0	2	0
Percentage of Consistent Reponses	96%	100%	96%	100%

# **Participant's Additional Comments**

Test Code	Comments
3113S20502	Regarding Item 4: I feel certain that there was visible ridge detail on this item, however, there was an issue in the Lab with humidity and my ability to process the material in a timely manner. The print obviously melted.  Regarding Item 3: Thought I saw something fluorescing under the LASER, but couldn't capture an image.
5612O20502	On Item 3, I assumed that it was traditional paper and proceeded to process with ninhydrin and heat after observing what seemed to be efficient ridge detail with the naked eye. Right after I applied the nin, I observed extreme running which lead me to believe that it was probably wax coated and I absolutely should have introduced to fuming tank and black powdered before I proceeded with any other technique. Valuable lesson learned, as the ninhydrin appears to have eliminated any ridges that I thought were there.
3450S20502	Exported from database at 1000 ppi.
2529L20502	Item #4 was not processed: Porous material and adhesive backing should be impounded to the lab for chemical processing. Crime Scene Unit only utilizes powder processing.
8874120502	Item 1: On visual examination, at the backside of the metal belt clip, there was an ignition of weakness print looks like fingerprint or print from woolen cloth. Anyway this ignition was disappeared after the superglue treatment.  Item 3: On visual examination was noticed a fingerprint mark on the white surface of key tag that also expands on the metal surface rounded the white one. It was too low, so actually it was needed to use both methods (superglue and NH) on the same item.  Also we noticed that on the surface, that marked with fingerprint, was clear but and on the other side of white surface there was a stain colored light beige.



	All items pre-treated.
	Item 1: Image 1 - developed with Superglue (SG)
	Image 2 - post treated with dye (SGY)
1079Q20502	Item 3: Image 1 - developed with Superglue (SG)
	Image 2 - post treated with powder(SGM)
	Item 4: Image 1 - developed with DFO (DFO)
	Image 2 - item reversed for imagining to help remove writing.
	Item 1 - exam daylight - result mark a produced, followed by Superglue fuming + BY-
	40 dye-stain and fluorescent exam result mark a re-photographed.
4784120502	Item 3 - exam daylight - result mark b produced, followed by superglue fuming and
4764120302	powdering using black granular powder, mark b re-photographed.
	Item 4 - Indandione process produced mark c, followed by sequential treatment -
	ninhydrin - resulting in mark c re-photographed.
1684020502	Photo for Item 4 may appear darker on different computer monitors.
	Full sequential processing on all items.
	VIS/GMB1 same mark as SGFL/GMB1.
8604K20502	VIS/GMB2 same mark as P/GMB2.
	IND/GMB4 same mark as NIN/GMB4. ESDA also taken on Item 4 which gave
	ESDA/GMB3.
8284N20502	Ridge detail developed with superglue on Item 3; however, powder did not develop
02841120302	it as expected and a photo was not taken directly after superglue processing.

## **Manufacturer's Additional Observations**

Based upon a review of the submitted responses, the following observations were noted:

- 1. Regardless of experience, training, time devoted to processing, or education level no significant observations were noted.
- 2. Only 4 inconsistent answers were submitted and three of the four were submitted by non-certified examiner(s) who work in a non-accredited unit.
- 3. All four of the inconsistent answers were submitted by civilian employees whose primary job position is a latent print examiner.

Authorized by: Ron Smith, President Date of Issue: November 27, 2020

