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2 (Whereupon the witness is sworn by the
3 Court.)

4 **DEPUTY R. CAMPOS,**

5 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

6 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

7 BY MS. FLADER:

8 Q. Would you introduce yourself to the Judge?

9 A. Yes, ma'am. Deputy R. Campos, employed by the
10 Harris County Sheriff's Office.

11 Q. How long have you been with the Harris County
12 Sheriff's Office?

13 A. Approximately 26 years.

14 Q. What position are you currently in?

15 A. I'm currently assigned to the Crime Scene Unit.

16 Q. How long have begun with the Crime Scene Unit?

17 A. Approximately three years.

18 Q. What kind of job duties do you have with the
19 Crime Scene Unit?

20 A. I'm responsible for the investigation of crime
21 scenes.

22 Q. Do you also -- are you also required to do
23 latent print examinations?

24 A. Yes, ma'am, also latent print examiner.

25 Q. In order to do that job, did you have to have

1 special training and experience?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. And what is that?

4 A. My latent training was through the Texas
5 Department of Public Safety and Ron Smith & Associates.

6 Q. And in that training, did you learn that
7 fingerprints are unique to each individual?

8 A. Yes, they are.

9 Q. And that, through an examination, you can
10 identify -- from a known print you can verify that an
11 unknown print matches the known print?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. And can you describe to the Judge how that is
14 accomplished?

15 A. A latent print can be processed. The easiest
16 way to process it is with black fingerprint dusting powder
17 to bring out the details in the ridges and characteristics
18 within the ridges.

19 Q. What about an inked print?

20 A. The inked print is the impression that's rolled
21 in black ink and onto a white backing surface, like a
22 white card.

23 Q. With an inked print, can you compare that print
24 to another inked print and verify it's the same
25 individual?

1 A. Yes, ma'am.

2 Q. And this morning were you asked to come over
3 and examine some fingerprints?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. And did you also take an inked print of an
6 individual?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. Is that individual in the courtroom?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. Would you identify him for the record?

11 A. The gentlemen sitting towards the center of the
12 room wearing the orange jumpsuit.

13 THE COURT: He's identified Mr. Hall.

14 Q. (By Ms. Flader) Did you take inked prints of
15 that individual?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 MS. FLADER: Your Honor, may I approach the
18 witness?

19 THE COURT: You may.

20 Q. (By Ms. Flader) I'm going to show you what's
21 been previously marked as State's Exhibit 170. Do you
22 recognize this?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And what is it?

25 A. It's the inked impressions of Defendant Hall.

1 Q. Okay. And you took those prints this morning
2 in court?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And were you able to look at those prints?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And did you compare those prints to other
7 fingerprints in several documents?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. I'm going to show you what has been previously
10 marked as State's Exhibits 171, 172, 173 and 174. Do you
11 recognize those items?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. And did you compare the known prints of the
14 defendant in this case to the prints that you found in
15 those documents?

16 A. Yes, ma'am.

17 Q. And were you able to make any identification?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what was that identification?

20 A. There are impressions on the documents that
21 were made by the index finger of the defendant and the
22 right thumb of the defendant.

23 Q. Let's go through them one by one. In State's
24 Exhibit 171, were you able to compare the print in that
25 document with the defendant's print?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And what was your determination?

3 A. The impression on the document was made by the
4 right thumb of the defendant.

5 Q. And in State's Exhibit 173, were you able to
6 compare the print in State's Exhibit 173 with the
7 defendant's known prints?

8 A. Yes, ma'am.

9 Q. Were you able to make an identification?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. And what was that identification?

12 A. The impression on the document was made by the
13 left index finger of the defendant.

14 Q. And in State's Exhibit 174, were you able to
15 compare the print contained within the document in 174 to
16 the defendant's print?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And were you able to make a determination?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What was that determination?

21 A. The impression on the document was made by the
22 impressions of the defendant.

23 MS. FLADER: Your Honor, at this time, the
24 State would offer State's Exhibits 170 through 174.
25 Tendering to opposing counsel for any objections.

1 MR. DUARTE: There's no objection, Your
2 Honor, to any of those exhibits.

3 THE COURT: All right. They are admitted.

4 (Whereupon State's Exhibit Nos.

5 170-174 are admitted into evidence.)

6 MS. FLADER: Judge, I'm just going to show
7 you State's Exhibit 171 is the jail card that shows
8 that the defendant was convicted of theft, and that
9 judgment is 172 and that conviction was on
10 September 20, 2011.

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 MS. FLADER: State's Exhibit 173 is the
13 enhancement paragraph where the defendant was
14 convicted of battery of a correctional facility
15 employee. There are two allegations in that
16 document. And he was -- on the third page it shows
17 that he was convicted and sentenced to a term in
18 prison on that charge.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 MS. FLADER: And State's Exhibit 174 is a
21 possession of a controlled substance, namely,
22 cocaine, in which the defendant received a probation,
23 and that was on January 7th of 02010.

24 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

25 MS. FLADER: And there's the print card.

1 THE COURT: Okay. Hand that to me.

2 MR. DUARTE: Judge, just for the record's
3 purposes, I have had opportunity before today's
4 hearing to have reviewed those documents at the
5 office of the prosecutor on various occasions, Your
6 Honor. I have inspected them.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

8 MS. FLADER: With that, the State would
9 pass this witness.

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 MR. DUARTE: I have nothing for this
12 witness.

13 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You may step
14 down.

15 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.

16 MS. FLADER: Judge, may this witness be
17 released?

18 THE COURT: Yes. Next witness, please.

19 MS. FLADER: The State calls Deputy
20 Whitlock.

21 THE COURT: You're still under oath. So,
22 you can take the stand, sir. You're fine.

23 **DEPUTY ALAN WHITLOCK,**

24 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

25 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**