

1 been sworn in, Judge.

2 *THE COURT:* Deputy, would you raise
3 your right hand for me, please.

4 *(Witness Duly Sworn)*

5 *THE COURT:* You may have a seat up
6 there. Thank you.

7 State, you may proceed.

8 *MS. PALMER:* Thank you, Your Honor.

9 **LINDA HALEY,**

10 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

11 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

12 **BY MS. PALMER:**

13 *Q.* Deputy Haley, could you please introduce
14 yourself to the jury?

15 *A.* My name is Deputy Linda Haley.

16 *Q.* And how are you employed?

17 *A.* I am a deputy with the Harris County
18 Sheriff's Department. I'm assigned to the crime
19 scene unit as a latent print examiner.

20 *Q.* So, are you a certified peace officer in
21 the state of Texas.

22 *A.* Yes, ma'am, I am.

23 *Q.* How long have you been a certified peace
24 officer?

25 *A.* I have been in law enforcement for 24 years

1 and I have been certified for right at 20.

2 Q. So, you said that you work in the latent
3 print and you do prints examination.

4 What -- tell the jury what all your
5 duties are in that position.

6 A. In my position, what I am doing is doing a
7 comparison of unknown fingerprints to known prints
8 for identification purposes. I do that for the
9 courts and for the different agencies and then for
10 the M.E.'s office as well. I also operate AFIS,
11 which is a fingerprint computerized fingerprint
12 system.

13 Q. And when you say a known print, what is
14 that?

15 A. A known print is when we know the source of
16 who the print came from.

17 Q. And when you say "unknown print," what does
18 that mean?

19 A. We don't know who the print was made by,
20 basically. You have two different kinds. You can
21 have inked prints that we know the source or most of
22 time, we're dealing with latents, which are hidden or
23 unseen fingerprints that are developed by chemicals
24 and so forth.

25 Q. And we have all heard about fingerprints,

1 but can you tell us a little bit about what a
2 fingerprint is?

3 A. Basically, on your fingers or on your
4 palms, fingers and your feet, you have friction ridge
5 skin, which is like furrows and ridges that gives you
6 the ability to my mostly is what their purpose is.
7 And they are very unique. No two people have the
8 same fingerprint. Your -- all ten of your
9 fingerprints are different, every one of them.

10 Q. So what's your training and background that
11 enables you to compare unknown and known prints?

12 A. Well, I have the normal training as a peace
13 officer and over and above the normal training there,
14 I have probably about 500, 600 hours of specialized
15 training, specifically in fingerprints, comparison
16 of, the taking of. Those are the taught by the
17 Department of Public Safety. Federal Bureau of
18 Investigation and then professionals in my field.

19 MS. PALMER: May I approach the
20 witness?

21 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

22 Q. (BY MS. PALMER) I'm showing you what's been
23 premarked as State's Exhibit 53. Do you recognize
24 that?

25 A. Yes, ma'am. I do.

1 Q. What is that?

2 A. These are, like I was speaking, inked or
3 known prints.

4 Q. And whose prints are those?

5 A. I took these from the defendant today.

6 Q. When did you do that?

7 A. Just a few minutes ago here in this
8 courtroom.

9 Q. When you say "the defendant," are you
10 identifying the defendant as Cordero Jarreal
11 Stevenson?

12 A. Yes, the male sitting at the desk with the
13 black jacket.

14 MS. PALMER: Your Honor, I'd ask the
15 record reflect this witness has identified the
16 defendant.

17 THE COURT: It will.

18 Q. (BY MS. PALMER) And when you took his
19 prints this morning, can you describe to the jury how
20 you did that?

21 A. Yeah. What we do is we take and we roll
22 the finger onto an inked pad. It's a specialized ink
23 that won't smeared. And what we're doing is rolling
24 them like that and then we get the ink on the pad,
25 then we roll it onto the card. And that gives us the

1 print. And it is like a map of the ridges on his
2 fingers.

3 MS. PALMER: At this time I am going
4 to offer State's 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and
5 34.

6 MR. HAYNES: No objections, Your
7 Honor.

8 THE COURT: State's 25 through 32
9 inclusive and State's 34 are admitted.

10 THE COURT: And I offer State's 53 as
11 well.

12 THE DEFENDANT: What was 53?

13 MS. PALMER: Fifty-three is the known
14 prints.

15 MR. HAYNES: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Fifty-three is admitted.

17 Q. (BY MS. PALMER) Now, Deputy Haley, could
18 you tell us about how you compared -- and we're going
19 to go one by one if that's okay.

20 State's Exhibit 25 is a judgment of
21 conviction by the Court in Cause No. 1729352 for
22 possession of a controlled substance in County
23 Criminal Court at Law No. 3. And the date the
24 judgment was entered was 1/4/2011.

25 So, how did you compare the

1 defendant's known prints to State's Exhibit 25?

2 A. On State's Exhibit 25 and these documents,
3 they take prints at the time of the conviction. And
4 those prints are from the person who was convicted.
5 And then I take the known print and I'm actually
6 laying them side by side under a magnifying loop so
7 that I can compare the -- what's called dots and
8 details, the breaks in the ridges.

9 The ridges flow in certain patterns
10 and we check for that pattern. And then we're
11 checking for the minute details that are there,
12 ending ridges and bifurcations where a ridge splits,
13 becomes a bifurcation or it just ends. And that's
14 what gives us the unique patterns on there in the
15 reference -- relation of those to each other. That's
16 how we tell if it's an identification or not.

17 Q. Were you able to conclude whether the
18 defendant's known prints matched the print in State's
19 Exhibit 25?

20 A. Yes, ma'am, I was.

21 Q. And what was the conclusion?

22 A. On State's Exhibit 25, his right thumb was
23 placed and it is his print, his thumbprint.

24 Q. And I am going to go through each one of
25 these just as we did State's 25.

1 On State's Exhibit 26, this is Cause
2 No. 1552851, The State of Texas vs. Cordero
3 Stevenson, evading detention in Criminal County
4 Criminal Court at Law No. 7 and 40 days in the Harris
5 County jail. The date of the judgment, September 30,
6 2008.

7 Were you able to compare the
8 defendant's known prints to State's Exhibit 27?

9 A. This is State's Exhibit?

10 Q. Twenty-six. I'm sorry.

11 A. On State's Exhibit 26, the fingerprint was
12 made by the defendant.

13 Q. And on State's Exhibit No. 27, this is in
14 Case No. 1093432, The State of Texas vs. Cordero
15 Stevenson in the 228th District Court of Harris
16 County, Texas. The offense for which the defendant
17 was convicted: Possession of a controlled substance
18 with intent to deliver cocaine, more than one gram
19 and less than four grams. And it's a second degree
20 felony, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal
21 Justice, Institutional Division. And the date the
22 judgment was entered was 11/20/2006.

23 Were you able to compare the
24 defendant's known prints to State's 27?

25 A. Yes, ma'am, I was.

1 Q. And what was the conclusion?

2 A. Fingerprints in State's Exhibit 27 were
3 made by the defendant.

4 Q. And State's Exhibit No. 28, Cause
5 No. 1001801, The State of Texas vs. Cordero Jarreal
6 Stevenson in the 248th District Court. Date of
7 judgment: September 27th, 2004. Offense convicted
8 of: Burglary of a habitation with intent to commit
9 theft. And he received two years in the Texas
10 Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional
11 Division.

12 Were you able to compare his known
13 print to State's Exhibit 28?

14 A. Yes, ma'am, I was.

15 Q. What was your conclusion?

16 A. Thumb print on State's Exhibit 28 was made
17 by the defendant.

18 Q. And State's Exhibit 29, Case No. 1001482,
19 The State of Texas vs. Cordero Jarreal Stevenson in
20 the 338th District Court. Convicted of evading
21 arrest, 14 months' state jail was the terms of the
22 plea bargain and the date of the judgment,
23 September 22, 2004.

24 Were you able to compare his known
25 print to State's 29?

1 A. Yes, ma'am, I was.

2 Q. And what was the conclusion?

3 A. Fingerprint on State's Exhibit 29 was made
4 by the defendant.

5 Q. And State's Exhibit 30, Case No. 1001483,
6 The State of Texas vs. Cordero Jarreal Stevenson,
7 unauthorized use of a vehicle. The offense convicted
8 of on September 22nd, 2004. Fourteen months' state
9 jail.

10 Were you able to determine whether the
11 known print matched State's 30?

12 A. Yes, ma'am, I was. The fingerprint on
13 State's Exhibit 30 was made by the defendant.

14 Q. And State's 31, Cause No. 971994, The State
15 of Texas vs. Cordero Jarreal Stevenson, in the 208th
16 District Court of Harris County, Texas. Offense
17 convicted of: Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
18 Date of judgment: February 4th, 2004. Received nine
19 months' state jail.

20 Were you able to determine if his
21 known prints matched State's 31?

22 A. Yes, ma'am, I was. The fingerprint on
23 State's Exhibit 31 was made by the defendant.

24 Q. And State's 32. Cause No. 966175, in the
25 209th District Court, Cordero Jarreal Stevenson,

1 unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

2 Were you able to determine whether his
3 prints matched State's 32?

4 A. Yes, ma'am. State's Exhibit 32, the
5 fingerprint was made by the defendant.

6 Q. Cause No. 1198533, State's Exhibit 34. The
7 State of Texas vs. Cordero Stevenson, County Criminal
8 Court at Law No. 3. Possession of marijuana.

9 Were you able to determine whether his
10 known prints matched State's 34?

11 A. Yes, ma'am, I was. On State's Exhibit 34,
12 the fingerprint was made by the defendant.

13 Let me explain real quickly. You see
14 me opening these? When I do my comparison, I make my
15 initials and my date so that I know that that is the
16 exhibit that I compared.

17 MR. HAYNES: Objection, nonresponsive.

18 THE COURT: Overruled.

19 Q. (BY MS. PALMER) So, on each one of these
20 items, you have made notes about your comparison?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. PALMER: I pass the witness.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Haynes?

24 MR. HAYNES: Nothing from the witness.

25 THE COURT: May the witness be