

*Approved by Director: Dr. Guy Vallaro***LP SOP-31 FTK Imager****Purpose:**

To authorize the use of AccessData's FTK Imager to preserve digitally captured images of latent impressions as evidence when such impressions can only be recorded or collected by digital imaging and the impressions themselves are not recoverable.

Responsibility:

Latent Print Unit Examiners

Procedure:

1. FTK Imager is software which can create perfect copies (forensic images) of computer data without making changes to the original evidence.
2. FTK Imager will be used to comply with accreditation standards by properly preserving digitally captured images of latent impressions as evidence when the impressions themselves are not recoverable and can only be recorded or collected by digital imaging.
3. A forensic image of the original folder, upon which the imaging device placed the captured images of latent impressions, will be created when the impressions themselves are not recoverable and can only be recorded or collected by digital imaging. For further guidance see LP SOP-02.
4. The Latent Print Unit supervisor/lead shall be responsible for assuring that Latent Print Unit examiners are properly trained in the use of AccessData's FTK Imager.
5. The FTK Imager User Guide can be accessed through the software "Help" menu.
6. Appendix Document LP SOP-31.1 details Latent Print Unit software instructions.

References:

1. AccessData FTK Imager User Guide (embedded in software "Help" menu)
2. Appendix Document: LP SOP-31.1 FTK Imager Instructions