

QD SOP-7 Signature Comparison

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Purpose:

To identify or eliminate, if possible, a particular individual as having authored a disputed signature or signatures.

To establish or eliminate, if possible, common authorship between two or more signatures.

A. Responsibility: Assigned section staff

B. Procedure:

1. Materials:

Disputed (Questioned) and Known signatures.

Optical Enhancement devices as deemed necessary

Appropriate documentation equipment (Digital camera, Scanner, Photocopier)

2. Method

“Side by Side” inter-comparison examination to identify a sufficient quantity of individual handwriting characteristics and signature habits in both the disputed and known signatures to render an opinion, if possible, identifying or eliminating an individual as having authored the disputed signature or signatures.

“Side by Side” inter-comparison examination to identify a sufficient quantity of individual handwriting characteristics and signature habits in both the disputed and known signatures to render an opinion, if possible, identifying or eliminating common authorship of two or more signatures.

C. Sources of Error: Not applicable

D. References: See Bibliography/Reference Materials Section.