

Purpose:

Identify or eliminate a particular writing and/or signature as begin a simulation/forgery.

A. Responsibility: Assigned section staff

B. Procedure:

1. Materials

Disputed (Questioned) and Known writing(s) and/or signature(s).

Optical Enhancement devices as deemed necessary.

Appropriate documentation equipment (Digital camera, Scanner, Photocopier).

2. Method

“Side by Side” inter-comparison examination of Known writings and/or signatures of a particular author to identify authors’ natural variation in individual handwriting characteristics and habits.

Macroscopic and microscopic examination of Questioned writing(s) and/or signature(s) to identify any elements commonly associated with any form of simulation/forgery. These elements include but are not limited to hesitation, pen lifts, tremor, and deficient line quality, obvious deviation in speed of writing, patching and lack of feathering.

C. Sources of Error: Not applicable

D. References: See Bibliography/Reference Materials Section.