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Senior Forensic Scientist (Firearms)

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Professional Profile

I have over 32 years of experience as a Firearms Expert gained within the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory (MPFSL), the Forensic Science Service (FSS) and ArroGen Forensics (AFL).

I have worked on numerous complex and sensitive, high-profile investigations including Terrorism, Murder and those involving the Independent Police Complaints Commission. My International experience has included working for the United Nations in Kosovo and investigating War Crimes indictments prepared by the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia. Additionally, I have been involved in the investigations of the deaths of UK military personnel and other UK nationals in the Middle-east and Iraq.

I have attended numerous gun related crime scenes as well as many post mortems in order to assist the pathologist in the assessment of gunshot injuries. I am regularly called upon to give expert testimony in Crown and Coroner's Courts as well as Courts-martial.

I have delivered firearms training courses at all levels including awareness training for police, military personnel and lawyers and professional development training of ballistics experts. I also lecture on ballistics at academic institutions.

Academic Qualifications

Graduate Qualification

BSc (Hons) Chemistry: University College Cardiff 1984

Forensic Science Career

I started my career in the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory in 1984 where I became a Senior Forensic Scientist within the Firearms Section. The MPFS laboratory became part of the Forensic Science Service and I continued working with the FSS until 2011 when, after a short period as a Consultant Forensic Scientist, I joined ArroGen Forensics in 2013.

Key Achievements and Contributions

- Firearms lead on the development, testing and implementation of the National Firearms Forensic Intelligence Database (NFFID). Developed the testing protocol and ran the system tests to ensure compliance with the user requirement.
- Scene attendance, Kabul, Afghanistan, assisting in the investigation of the death of a British Aid worker. Providing briefings to senior Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) personnel, as well as senior representatives of the Afghani Military and Police, via interpreter.
- Joined a British Forensic team to travel to Kosovo investigating War Crimes indictments prepared by the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia (ICTY).
- Member of National Firearms Amnesty advisory group developing processes for the 2004 Firearms Amnesty.
- Developed a system providing real time intelligence information to the police as part of a successful programme to reduce gun crime.

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Awards and Commendations.

- Metropolitan Police (South East Regional Crime Squad) Commendation (1997) for work on a series of linked cases submitted between 1994 and 1996.
- Metropolitan Police Commendation (2006) following an incident where shots were fired at Police Officers

Any other relevant information

Lecturing

Guest lecturer At Cranfield University, (Shrivenham) on the Forensic Ballistics MSc Course.

Publications

1993	Self Defence Sprays	FSS in house magazine “Contact”
1995	Hand Held Miniflares	“Contact”
1995	Salt or Rice Loaded Shotgun Cartridges	“Contact”