



Questioned Documents Section – 2007

J5 The Collection of Handwriting From Dry-Erase Boards

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After attending this presentation, attendees will understand how original dry-erase marker writing can be quickly and conveniently collected from some non-porous surfaces enabling examination of the original writing.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by enabling questioned documents examiners to examine an original questioned writing, rather than a representation thereof.

The examination of questioned text written with a dry-erase marker on a substrate other than paper was researched for improved ways of collecting and submitting this type of evidence to the Forensic Documents Examiner. When conducting a handwriting examination, the value of original writing cannot be overstated. However, in cases of this type, the collection of original questioned writing by traditional methods may be difficult or impractical. Typically, the questioned writing is documented photographically or the entire writing substrate is collected and submitted en masse. Both methods have disadvantages. It was noted that original dry-erase marker writing can be quickly and conveniently collected from some non-porous surfaces enabling examination of the original writing, rather than a representation thereof.

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