

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

Name of Lab: NCSBI Crime Laboratory
(Raleigh)

Date: December 18, 2002

Name: Beth A. Starosta-Desmond
Job Title: Forensic Firearms Analyst Trainee

Discipline(s): Indicate all areas in which you do casework.

Controlled Substances

DNA

Toxicology

Firearms/Toolmarks

Trace Evidence

Questioned Documents

Serology

Latent Prints

Education: List all higher academic institutions attended.

| Institution | Dates Attended | Major | Degree Completed |
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| The Juilliard School | 1983-1986 | Dance | B.F.A. |
| John Jay College of Criminal Justice | 1995-2000 | Forensic Science | B.S. |

Other Training: List continuing education, workshops, in-service and other formal training received.

Integrated Ballistics Identification System class (Largo, FL)
Population Statistics (certification)

Courtroom Experience: List the discipline(s) in which you have qualified to testify as an expert witness and indicate over what period of time and approximately how many times you have testified in each.

None.

Professional Affiliations: List any professional organizations of which you are or have been a member. Indicate any offices or other positions held and the date(s) of these activities.

Northeast Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS) - member

Employment History: List all scientific or technical positions held, particularly those related to forensic science. List current position first. Give a brief summary of principal duties and tenure in each position.

Job Title: Forensic Firearms Analyst Trainee Employer: NCSBI

Principal Duties: Study/pass series of competency tests involving firearms from History, ammunition, safety, mechanics, microscopy and chemical tests.

Tenure: 2 months

Job Title: IBIS Operator Employer: NCSBI

Principal Duties: Enter test-fired and evidence bullets / Cartridge cases into database, Receive IBIS gun cases in order to examine, fire, determine microscopic detail for entry into the IBIS system which also includes writing of notes and reports.

Tenure: 1 Year

Job Title: DNA Technician Employer: Westchester Co. Forensic Laboratory

Principal Duties: Performed chemical tests on physiological fluids and stains. Examined evidence and prepared samples for STR/PCR analysis via extractions, Quantiblots and amplifications. Maintained 310 Genetic analyzer Instrumentation and performed diagnostics. Quality assurance/Quality control. Contributed to suspect database thru CODIS. Prepared solutions and placed chemical orders and inventories.

Tenure: 2 Years

Job Title: Trace Evidence Technician Employer: Westchester Co. Forensic Laboratory

Principal Duties: QA/QC of visual microspectrophotometer, FTIR and Polarized light microscope. Assisted with handling, collection, and analyses of evidence. Intensified training with fiber analysis using the polarized light microscope. Assisted with validations using NIST standards.

Tenure: 1 Year