

Qualifying Questions for Fingerprint Testimony:

1. Please state your name
2. By whom are you employed?
3. How long have you been employed by _____?
4. Where are your official headquarters?
5. What is your official title?
6. What are your official duties?
7. How long have you been employed in fingerprint work?
8. Do you have any specialized training relating to fingerprints?
9. What specialized training do you have relating to fingerprints?
10. Are you a member of any professional organizations?
11. Have you ever taught any courses or classes relating to fingerprints?
12. Have you testified previously to fingerprint identifications?
13. How many times have you testified to fingerprint identifications?
14. In what counties have you testified to fingerprint identifications?
15. How long have fingerprints been used as a means of identification?
16. What is a latent print?
17. What is an inked print?
18. What is the scientific basis for fingerprints as a means of identification?
19. How are fingerprints compared and identifications effected?
 - a. **Offer as expert**
20. Showing you what has been marked as People's _____ can you identify?
21. Where did you first see exhibit _____?
22. Did you examine exhibit _____ for latent prints?
23. What was the result of this examination?
24. Showing you what has been marked as People's _____ can you identify?
25. Have you seen this fingerprint card before?
26. Where have you seen it?
 - a. Did you take these prints?
 - b. Do you know who took them?
 - c. Are these prints kept in the normal course of business?
27. Did you compare the latent fingerprints on exhibit ____ with the inked fingerprints on exhibit _____ ?
28. What was the result of your comparison?
29. Did you prepare charted enlargements illustrating this identification?
30. Would you demonstrate these charts to the jury?