

CRISTINA PINO

Sr. Forensic Identification Specialist
Torrance Police Department

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Dual citizenship Italian American

EDUCATION:

West Los Angeles College, Culver City, CA January 2010-May 2013

Forensic Science Academy, La Puente Valley ROP, City of Industry, CA
Certificate of Completion: 362 hrs of training in Forensic Science, January 2010

La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy
Master Degree in Forensic Science, February 2005
Concentration: Criminology-Investigation-Security-Intelligence
GPA: 110/110 (4.0)

Federico II University, Naples, Italy
Graduated Bachelor of Sociology, October 2003
GPA: 105/110 (4.0)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

National University

Adjunct Professor in Fingerprint Analysis (Online Course/ Part-time) February 2022 – Current

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Teaching the basic principles and history of fingerprints
- Teaching fingerprint patterns and proper method of developing fingerprints from a variety of different surfaces.
- Perform basic analysis of latent print evidence for use in comparison
- Legal aspects of fingerprints.
- Teaching the requirements to present fingerprints in court.
- Assessed student performance through tests, quizzes, and particle activities

Torrance Police Department, Forensic Crime Lab

August 2013-Current

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Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Conduct crime scene investigations and identify, document and collect evidence items using photography, measurements and sketches
- Collect and preserve physical & biological evidence from crime scenes
- Conduct latent print investigations
- Chemical processing of physical evidence for development of latent print impressions
- Testify in court as an expert witness regarding evidence documentation and collection
- Perform analysis of latent print evidence for use in comparison or MBIS (AFIS) entry
- Crime scene photography
- Training and Evaluating new staffing
- Supervising Forensic Unit in absence of supervisor

East Los Angeles College, Monterey Park

October 2012-Novemembr 2013

Forensic Science Bootcamp

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Taught basic fingerprint and chemical processing module
- Assessed student performance through tests, quizzes, and particle activities

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Long Beach Police Department, Records & Technology Division

June 2012-July 2013

Fingerprint Classifier

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Performing technical and clerical work in identifying and searching for fingerprints via an automated fingerprint system
- Searching and comparing fingerprints with existing fingerprint records
- Preparing fingerprints records for exchange with other law enforcement agencies
- Processing paperwork for checking warrants and clearing subjects for release
- Rolling and comparing fingerprints for court testimony
- Comparing fingerprints in electronic databases

Culver City Police Department

November 2012-December 2012

Intern-Crime Lab

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Observing Forensic Specialist in collecting and processing evidence using different chemical means
- Classifying cards via the Henry Classification
- Downloading digital images

Beverly Hills Police Department

July 2011- March 2012

Intern- Crime Lab

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Observing Forensic Specialist in collecting and processing evidence and scene
- Classifying cards via the Henry Classification
- Rolling fingerprints with ink and observe real comparison identification
- Observing Forensic Specialist in doing domestic violence and injure photos

Department of Coroner, County of Los Angeles

October 2009- March 2012

Internship

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Following Investigators on a crime scene
- Helping Forensic Attendant in processing the body (taking picture, weight, height) and collecting and documenting evidence like hair, nail, gunshot residue
- Operating life scan
- Answering the phone and screen the phone calls

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

July 2006- July 2008

Italian Lecturer

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- Taught three undergraduate Italian courses
- Assessed student performance through tests, quizzes, and outside assignments
- Maintained office hours to answer student questions and concerns
- Course taught: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Italian

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CERTIFICATION:

- Registered Certified Crime Scene Investigator by IAI # CI10839, USA

TRAINING:

2020:

- Analysis of Distortion in Latent Prints/ Glendale PD (24 hours)
- Importance of Expertise in Friction Ridge Examination/Live Webinar (4 hours)
- Discriminating Power of Friction Ridge Arrangement/ Live Webinar (4 hours)
- Beyond the Discrimination Power of Friction Ridge Arrangements/ Live Webinar (4 hours)

2019

- Scientific Analysis: From the Laboratory to Witness Stand / Culver City (40 hours)
- 28th Annual Training Conference in San Diego (24 hours)
- DCS Fingerprint Workstation Training/Torrance PD (30 hours)
- LASD Latent Reinforcement Training/NEC (8 hours)

2018

- IAI International Conference & various workshops related to the Forensic Discipline/San Antonio (40 hours)
- Cognitive Factors in Forensic Decision Making (16 hours)

2017

- Essential Ridgeology Concepts/ Torrance PD (40 hours)
- MBIS Latent Refresh Training/ Los Angeles SD Norwalk (8 hours)
- FARO Focus 3D Scanner Certification/ Torrance PD (40 hours)
- CSDIAI (California State Division International Association for Identification) Training Seminar & workshop related to the Forensic Discipline/Monterey (40 hours)
- MBIS Multimodal Biometric Identification System/ Los Angeles SD Norwalk (40 hours)

2016

- Palm Print Comparison Techniques/ West Covina PD (24 hours)
- Advanced Field Evidence Technical Course-Center for Criminal Justice Research and Training, Cal- State University, Long Beach, California (24 hours)
- Intro to Science of Friction Ridge Examination/ Torrance PD (40 hours)

2015

- Basic Field Evidence Technicians Course-Center for Criminal Justice Research and Training, Cal- State University, Long Beach, California (80 hours)

2014

- DNA Evidence Collection for Property Crimes/ LASD (8 hours)
- Various courses related to the Forensic Discipline – sponsored by West Virginia University in the Continuing & Professional Educational Program (64 hours)

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2013

- Courtroom Presentation of Evidence/ Cal Department of Justice (16 hours)
- SCAFO (Southern California Association of Fingerprint Officers) Seminar/ Anaheim (16 hours)

2010

- CSDIAI (California State Division International Association for Identification) Training Seminar/ Rancho Mirage (32 hours)

2009

- SCAFO (Southern California Association of Fingerprint Officers) Seminar/ Burbank (8 hours)

2004

- 1st MAFS Workshop, “**Mediterranean Academy of Forensic Sciences**”, Isola Capo Rizzuto (Cosenza), Italy
- National Seminar about “**Transmafia: New Mafias Transnational in Europe and in Italy, Effect on European and Italian Security. How to Contrast them**”, taken by “**High Studies Centre to Fight Terrorism and Political Violence (Ceas)**”, San Martino Priverno Castel (Latina), Italy

2000

- Scholarship for an International Student Exchange called ERASMUS, given by the University Federico II, Naples, Italy. I studied at the “**Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines**” in Nantes, France, from March to September 2000.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

2014 Unit Citation Award presented by Torrance Police Department and Chamber of commerce.

ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS:

Forensic Science Club (104 hours volunteer)

Active Member of the International Association for identification (IAI)

Active Member of the California State Division International Association for Identification (CSDIAI)

Active Member of SCAFO (Souther California Association of Fingerprint Officers)