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## **Professional Profile**

I have over 40 years of experience as a Forensic Scientist gained within the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, the Forensic Science Service and S&T Forensics.

I have -

- worked on complex and sensitive, high-profile investigations.
- attended crime scenes.
- given expert testimony in Court.
- delivered training courses at all levels.

## **Academic Qualifications**

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree with Honours in applied biology and am a chartered biologist.

I am a member of the Royal Society of Biology and of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences.

## **Forensic Science Career**

I started my career in the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory in 1974 where I became a Senior Forensic Scientist. The MPFSL became part of the Forensic Science Service and I continued working with the FSS until 2010 when the service closed.

I then set up S&T Forensics, a freelance consultancy service. In this role I have worked for many clients, including forensic science suppliers, police forces and solicitors (as a defence expert).

## **Key Achievements and Contributions**

I have received training and have experience in the following fields:

- Fire (and explosion) investigation
- Flammable liquid analysis
- Body fluid examination
- Blood pattern analysis
- DNA profiling and blood grouping techniques
- Textile fibres analysis and damage assessment
- Casework assessment & interpretation of results
- Delivering expert witness training.

I have worked on numerous cases of these types on behalf of the prosecution and defence. I have given evidence on numerous occasions in Crown Court, Magistrates Court, Coroners Court and Courts Martial.

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I have trained, mentored, coached and line managed other forensic scientists. I have also been involved in delivering training in forensic science to police officers, crime scene examiners, forensic medical examiners and fire service personnel.

I was Diploma Manager for the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences' coveted Diploma in Fire Investigation and have lectured in forensic science at Cardiff University's Centre for Lifelong Learning.

#### **Awards and Commendations.**

- Metropolitan Police Commendations – cases of murder and attempted murder.

#### **Any other relevant information**

I was a member of the Metropolitan Police Laboratory's Fire Investigation Unit for over ten years, the site lead for fire investigation at the Home Office Chepstow Laboratory for nearly ten years and the following courses are amongst those I have undertaken in relation to fire investigation:

- University of Edinburgh, short course fire investigation
- Fire Research Station; UK
- Advanced Cause & Origin Course; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, USA
- Forensic Fire Death Course; San Luis Obispo, USA
- DeHaan Fire & Explosion Course; Gardiner Associates, UK