

Bio: Paul J Murphy

Paul Murphy is currently the Principal Consultant for Paul Murphy Firearm Forensics:
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Paul J Murphy is the former Senior Firearms Technical Advisor (subject matter expert)/Forensic Firearm Examiner for LeadsOnline Forensic Technology, a position he held from November 2005 to November 2024. Mr. Murphy visited Forensic Laboratories all over the world in his capacity as Senior Firearms Technical Advisor for LeadsOnline Forensic Technology.

Mr. Murphy has been a Forensic Firearm Examiner since 1984 and served in the South African Police for 22 years. Mr. Murphy was trained as a Forensic Firearms Examiner by the South African Police Forensic Science Laboratory. During his career in the South African Police Forensic Science Laboratory, he worked more than six thousand (6000) Forensic Ballistic and Tool Mark related cases. He attended numerous autopsies and high-profile crime scenes. Mr. Murphy testified in the various court systems of Southern Africa. During 1996 Mr. Murphy established the Eastern Cape Forensic Science Laboratory in Port Elizabeth, South Africa and served as the Commanding Officer with the rank of Senior Superintendent (Colonel) until his resignation from the South African Police Service in 1999.

In 1999 Mr. Murphy accepted the position as Senior Forensic Scientist with the Virginia Division of Forensic Science, Eastern Laboratory in Norfolk, Virginia. During his career of 7 years with Virginia DFS Mr. Murphy worked more than two thousand (2000) Forensic Ballistic and Tool Mark related cases and testified numerous times in the District Courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia as well as the United States Federal Court.

Mr. Murphy is a Distinguished Member of AFTE (Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners) and is a former member of the British Forensic Science Society. He attended AFTE Training Seminars in: Annapolis MD, Williamsburg VA, St Louis MO, Springfield MA, San Francisco CA, Honolulu HI, Miami FL, Henderson NV, Chicago IL, Buffalo NY, Albuquerque NM, Seattle WA, Dallas TX, New Orleans LA, Denver CO, Charleston WV, Austin TX and Anchorage AL.

Mr. Murphy simplified the Double Casting Process (Forensic Ballistic Cloning of Evidence and Test-Fired Components). He trained students in Canada, Denmark, St. Kitts & Nevis, Italy, Spain, Montserrat, Lithuania the Philippines and USA. He conducted Double Casting Workshops in Canada, France, Mexico, USA, Thailand, India, China, Montenegro, Singapore, Croatia and Guatemala. Mr. Murphy wrote the guidelines for Forensic Double Casting for INTERPOL's Handbook on Ballistic Evidence.

Mr. Murphy attended ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science Institutes) meetings in Denmark, Croatia, Cyprus, Germany, Belgium and Austria.

Mr. Murphy holds an Advanced Diploma in Forensic Criminalistics from the University of South Africa.

Mr. Murphy holds a Diploma in Firearms Examination from the British Forensic Science Society.

Mr. Murphy holds a Certificate in Forensic Firearms and Tool Mark Examinations for Specialists from the South African Police Service Forensic Science Laboratory.

Mr. Murphy holds certification as a Forensic Scientist from the Virginia Division of Forensic Science.

Mr. Murphy visited Forensic Ballistic Units in the following countries: USA (several), Australia, Lesotho, Germany (BKA), Denmark, England (Birmingham-NABIS and Leeds - LGC Forensics), Ireland (En Garda), Netherlands (NFI), Norway, Sweden, Albania, Jamaica (JCF), Canada, China (Second Research Institute), Hong Kong, Spain, Greece, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico (PGR), India (Gandhinagar, Chandigarh, Hyderabad & Kolkata), Italy, Thailand, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Croatia, Indonesia, Cyprus, St. Kitts & Nevis, Lithuania and Montenegro.