



## Latent Lifting

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Purpose: To encourage Criminal Justice students to improve their ability to process for latent evidence, identify evidence of value, and properly collect that evidence.

Description of event: This is a single person event. There will be a maximum of four participants per chapter. There will be one station set up for the participant to process for and collect latent fingerprints from four items of evidence. Each station will be set up prior to each participant's arrival. A judge will be overseeing the event but will be observing only. The judge will record each participant's starting and ending time. Each student will have a total of 15 minutes for this event. The event will start every 20 minutes and no participants will be allowed in during the event.

Limit: 4 per chapter

Dress Code: Appropriate dress to include; business attire, chapter uniform or other attire appropriate for the competition, or as directed by your chapter advisor.

Rules and Procedures:

1. Students competing must be enrolled in a state approved Criminal Justice Program at the secondary level.
2. There will be a set time frame in which this event will occur. Students must report to the event at least 20 minutes prior to the conclusion of the event time frame. If you arrive after 20 minutes prior to the event closing, your time will begin as if you did arrive at 20 minutes prior to the event closing. The team advisor will be responsible for scheduling the reporting times (if needed) with the chairperson at the beginning of the conference.
3. All competitors must dress in a professional manner. This will include attire that is functional for evidence collection and packaging, for example: a polo shirt with khakis or BDUs, a chapter uniform, or attire worn by forensic professionals in the field.
4. Personal protective equipment (minimum of gloves), processing materials (minimum of fingerprint brush and powder), collection materials (minimum of lifting tape and index cards), and documentation materials must be supplied by the student/chapter.
5. There will be a station set up for each student prior to their arrival. There will be three different items of evidence, containing at least one latent fingerprint each, at each student's station.
6. Students may or may not be able to see their items of evidence prior to the start of the 15 minute event time. Whether or not the student is able to see the items prior to the start time will be consistent with every student.
7. Students are to process and collect one latent lift card from each item of evidence. The items may present different levels of difficulty.
8. The back of the lift cards will include the following: drawing of where the lift was collected, description of where the lift was collected, case number, name of person who collected the lift, time and date that the lift was collected.
9. The front of the lift cards will include the tape containing the fingerprint. Two edges of the tape should be initialed, without writing on the latent itself.
10. Students are expected to "finalize/neaten" their cards prior to submission.
11. Lift cards will be submitted to the judge before the time limit expires. Lift cards submitted after the expiration

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of time will be disqualified.

12. The judges will notify each student when they have 1 minute remaining at the processing station.
13. Students are not allowed to converse with any judge, for any reason, once the timed event begins. However, if a judge speaks to a student, the student may answer.
14. The judge has the final decision on scoring based on the students overall performances.
15. Discussing any part of the event with another student could render disqualification for both students. This applies before, during, and after the event, until all students have completed the event.
16. If the lift card is not completely filled out it will be disqualified.

## Required Personnel:

- 1 – Chairperson
- 1 to 3 Judges
- 2 Courtesy Corps

Facilities and Equipment: Room with tables and chairs; students provide their own equipment.

## Judging:

- a. Fingerprint quality
  - i. Correct amount of powder used
  - ii. Print not obliterated in processing
- b. Quality of tape lift
  - iii. Lack of fingerprints on the sides of the tape
  - iv. Lack of bubbles and voids
  - v. No bunching of tape/tape laid evenly
- c. Lift card completed/filled out
  - vi. Picture drawn
  - vii. Case number, location, date, name of collector, etc.
  - viii. Edges of tape signed



## Latent Fingerprint Lifting Score Sheet

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoring Guidelines:

**1-2 Points if port quality    3 Points if average quality    4-5 Points if above average quality**

Lift card #1:	Points Awarded	Points Possible
Fingerprint quality:		/5
Quality of tape lift:		/5
Lift card filled out/completed		/5
Total		/15
Lift card #2:	Points Awarded	Points Possible
Fingerprint quality:		/5
Quality of tape lift:		/5
Lift card filled out/completed		/5
Total		/15
Lift card #3:	Points Awarded	Points Possible
Fingerprint quality:		/5
Quality of tape lift:		/5
Lift card filled out/completed		/5
Total		/15
General tidiness of cards		/5
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>/50</b>

Judge(s) Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Judge's Winner Sheet

1st Place School

Student

2nd Place School

Student

3rd Place School

Student

4th Place School

Student

5th Place School

Student