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**PROFILE**

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Masters graduate who has been involved in the field for over 3 years. After graduating I completed a 2 year traineeship with Forensic Handwriting and Document Investigation (FHDI) and have worked there ever since. This traineeship involved mentoring and working on cases alongside Kathryn Thorndycraft-Pope, a fully certified Document Examiner who has been active in the field for over 28 years. I have built experience in all aspects of Document Examination and have also gained experience in using scientific equipment and methods such as the Electro Static Detection Apparatus (ESDA), Video Spectral Comparator (VSC), Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) and MiScope in the examination of documents.

**EDUCATION DETAILS**

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University of Central Lancashire, Preston	MSc Document Analysis, School of Forensic and Investigative Sciences	Result – 2:1 Completed 2015
Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh	BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Human Health), School of Life Sciences	Result – 2:1 Completed 2014

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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- Examination and comparison of handwriting and signatures
- Ink and paper examinations
- Deciphering indented writing
- Examination of how a document has been produced i.e. photocopying, printing, typing
- Distinguishing forgery from genuine writing
- Detecting additions, substitutions or obliterations on a document
- Use of a wide range of scientific equipment

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

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