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CASE: Zeller vs. Fitzpatrick

LABORATORY REPORT

IN QUESTION: Authenticity of a signature of Walter F. Fitzpatrick.

KNOWN, STANDARD WRITINGS of Walter F. Fitzpatrick and of Timothy W. Zeller.

PROCEDURES AND COMPARISONS

- 1) The known standard written signatures of Walter F. Fitzgerald were examined and compared with Question signature. Exhibit A.
- 2) The known standard signatures as well as various request, witnessed, writings of Timothy W. Zeller spanning a time frame from 1972 to the present were compared with the question signature (Exhibit B).

Considering that the Question signature is maintained to be a forgery and is maintained to have been written by Timothy W. Zeller comparisons were made to face these issues (Exhibits A & B).

When a writer attempts to simulate another person's signature invariably some of his own writing characteristics enter into the writing. It is impossible to know and keep track of all of one's own writing habits and at the same time to simulate accurately the writing habits of another writer.

The misspelling of the name in the Question signature rules out the possibility of attempted retracing, use of carbon paper or transferred light in the production of the Question signature. All that remains is an attempted simulation.



FINDINGS

In Exhibit A the Standard signatures of Walter F. Fitzpatrick were compared to the Question signature in the following areas:

- pen movements
- letter forms
- arrangement
- baseline alignment
- slant and spacing
- line quality
- proportional ratios
- curvature and angularity
- circles and loops
- diacritics
- entry and exit strokes
- individual characteristics
- writing pressure

Numerous identities (writing habits of Walter F. Fitzpatrick) were observed in the Question signature. See Exhibit A.

In addition, at least four indications of attempts to disguise the writing by the writer were observed.

Exhibit B demonstrates the comparison of Standard writings of Timothy W. Zeller. There were no identities of his writing found in the Question signature. At least eight fundamental differences were observed.

OPINION

It is my opinion that Timothy W. Zeller did not write the signature in Question.

This opinion is qualified upon viewing the Question signature in its original form.

Frederick G. Dudink
 Frederick G. Dudink
 Board certified Document Examiner
 WORLD ASSOC. OF DOCUMENT EXAMINERS

State of Illinois
 County of Lake
 Signed before me this
 23rd Day of October, 1997
 Brenda J. Henry

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
 BRENDA J. HENRY
 Notary Public, State of Illinois
 My Commission Expires 02/22/98



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QUESTION

KNOWN



Walter F. Fitzpatrick
LCSP, USN

Defendant's Statement

Walter F. Fitzpatrick

Defendant's Statement

Walter F. Fitzpatrick
Walter F. Fitzpatrick, III

4/30/97 1331
Date Time

Statement to Richard R. Allen

Walter F. Fitzpatrick
Walter F. Fitzpatrick, III

Addendum Statement

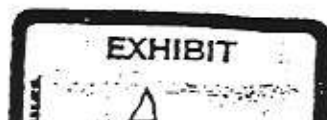
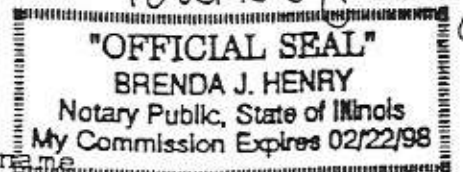
FINDINGS

- 1) Misspelled Surname in the Question.
- 2) Identities of Known to the Question:
 - Writing slant
 - Writing pressure
 - Even baselines
 - Letter proportions
 - In capital letters (F & W)
 - In lower case letters (t, a, i, z & p)
 - Placement of hiatuses
 - Punctuation
 - Ligature spacings between letters
 - Spacings between first name, initial & surname
 - Initial & terminal strokes
- 3) At least four indications of attempts to disguise the writing.

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County of Lake

Signed before me this
2nd day of October,
1997, by Frederick
C. Dudrick

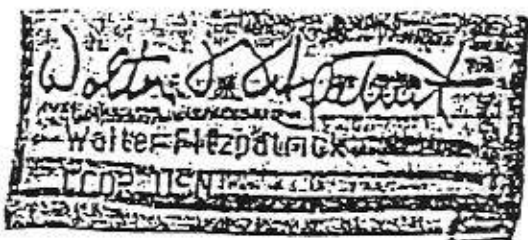
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QUESTION

KNOWN WRITING OF Timothy W. Zeller



Timothy W. Zeller
Naval Medical Center
Statement of patient 05/72

32 SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING TRANSFERRED OR UNEMPANDED
Timothy W. Zeller
34 SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

Reenlistment 1973
Timothy W. Zeller
Transfer of Duty 1977

Timothy W. Zeller

Timothy W. Zeller

Witnessed Request writing 10/97

f y w f se
f J w f se

Letter forms of T.W. Zeller compared with same letter forms in Question. Witnessed 10/97

FINDINGS

In comparing the letter forms of T.W. Zeller with the same letter forms in the Question there are fundamental differences in the following:

- writing slant
- writing pressure
- letter forms
- pen movements
- letter proportions
- punctuation
- initial & terminal strokes
- individual characteristics

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EXHIBIT

B

