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Kenneth Smith
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8117 Walters Drive
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RE: LATENT PROCESSOR CARLA MURRAY

Dear Mr. Smith:

By way of introduction, I am Rod Norgaard, a deputy district attorney for the County of Sacramento, State of California. I am writing this letter on behalf of Carla Murray, a Latent Technician for the Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento, California. My current assignment is with the CRIP team (Crack Rock Impact Program) of the District Attorney's Office. This is a Federal grant position which ultimately leads to a large percentage of my cases going to trial. The majority of these cases require that a Latent Technician expert be called as a witness on behalf of the People.

Ms. Murray has qualified as an expert in both the field of latent lifting and latent comparison in approximately 10 jury trials in which I was the prosecutor. Each of these were felony trials heard in the Sacramento County Superior courts. The first of these trials occurred in 1991. Unfortunately, I no longer have my records to give you an exact date. The most recent occasion in which Ms. Murray qualified as an expert for trial purposes was May 8, 1995. I consider Ms. Murray to be one of the best Latent Technicians with whom I have worked, both in terms of the quality of her work as well as her testimony presentation. Her demeanor on the witness stand is that of a professional and her testimony articulate. On rare occasions when her role was limited to latent lifting, it was possible to qualify her as an expert in latent comparison as well. I was then able to elicit critical comparison testimony from Ms. Murray.

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I would be happy to discuss with you further the qualifications of Ms. Murray or answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to give me a call at (916) 440-7113.

Sincerely,

JAN SCULLY
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Deputy District Attorney