



Handwriting Specimens

A Pocket Guide



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Request Specimens

- Take specimens on similar documents to those in question if possible, a separate document for each specimen.
- Get versions of details similar to those in question and in the same writing style - block, cursive, script.
- Dictate what you want the suspect to write
- Use a good quality ballpoint pen
- Remember - LIKE with LIKE
- Look at the questioned documents and plan your interview.



Non-Request Specimens

(Course of business writing)

- These are always of assistance especially when the suspect has disguised his request specimens.
- Sources are diaries, address books, letters to friends and relatives, application forms, e.g. passport.
- They must be provable. If they cannot be used in court they have no value.

Minimum Quantities

Signatures - 10 specimens

Cheques - 6 specimens including versions of the details on a selection of the cheques

Anonymous letters - one version of one of the longer letters.

Document Examination Services

We welcome telephone enquiries for advice if this means we get the best specimens.

The quality of the specimens you obtain is crucial to proving the case.

We provide forensic examination of questioned documents including handwriting and signature comparisons, altered documents, ESDA for indented handwriting and typescript examination.

Our team of highly experienced forensic document examiners are all accustomed to providing expert testimony in court.

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