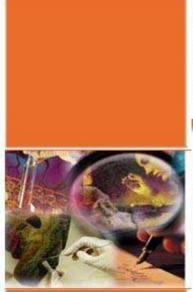






FORENSIC AS TECHNICAL EVIDENCE

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Forensic Science <u>is the use of science & technology for legal</u> <u>purpose</u>

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• 'Forensic Science' is the application of various basic sciences to provide scientific evidences to court of law

Locard's Principle of Exchange

FORENSIC SCIENCE

- 1. "Whenever two objects come into contact, they always leave a trace on the other."
- 2. Every criminal can be connected to his crime by contact traces carried from the scene of crime or left by him at the scene of crime



QDE (Questioned Document Examination)



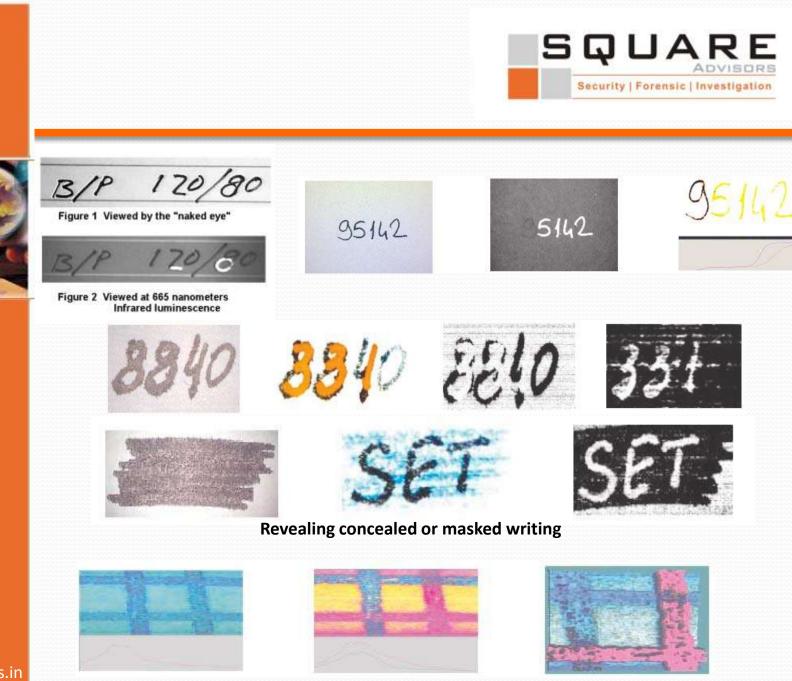
- 1. A "questioned" document is any signature, handwriting, typewriting, or other mark whose source or authenticity is in dispute.
- 2. The types of documents that come under the examiner's purview include wills, contracts, letters, threatening photos, lottery tickets, passports, voter registrations, drivers licenses, cheques, tax returns, sales receipts, torn pieces of paper ,photocopies, carbon paper, charred paper, faxes etc.





SCOPE OF QDE

- Handwriting analysis.
- Signatures and initial analysis.
- Writing and disguised writings.
- Alteration, Erasure, Obliteration and over-writings.
- Sequence of strokes in a handwritten or printed matter
- Digital written document analysis.
- Identify different types of paper, ink, water-marks, copy machines, printer cartridges, stamp impressions etc.

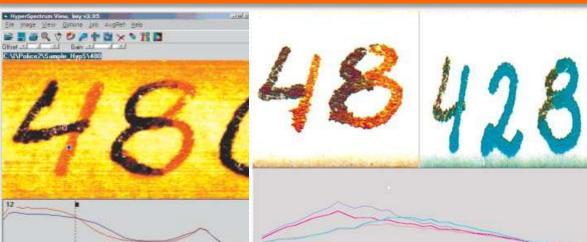


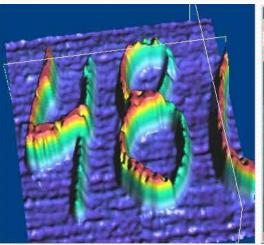
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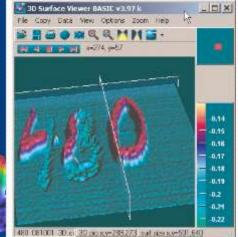
Stroke sequence determination using micro-hyperspectral measurements in intersecting areas













CHARACTERISTICS OF HANDWRITING



- Identification of the author of disputed handwriting, and/or signatures to determine if they are genuine or a forgery.
- It is a proved fact that handwriting is "Brain Writing" controlled by the signals sent by the nervous system through hand. Thus, it is unique to every individual.
- No two people have identical handwriting
- Factors to consider include the arrangement of the writing on the paper, such as margins, spacing, crowding, insertions, and alignment.
- The final conclusion must be based on a sufficient number of common characteristics between the known and questioned writing samples; it is a judgment call made by the expert examiner in the context of each case.







- A person cannot produce in a mechanical manner exactly what has been written first. There must be some natural variation in the writing of the same person.
- If two signatures are precisely alike then one of them must be a forged signature.







Class Characteristics

- General characteristics which may be common to more than one individual
- Similarities between individuals who learned the same type of writing systems.

Individual Characteristics

- These are characteristics that are true only to a specific writer.
- It is a combination of individual characteristics that make handwriting unique to him/her.





TYPES OF INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Penmanship
- Slant
- Line Quality
- Pen Movement
- Proportions
- Height
- "I" Dot
- "t" Crossing
- Loops
- Pressure

- Baseline Alignment
- Pen Lifts
- Speed
- Embellishments
- Entry/Exit Strokes
- Retracing
- Spelling/Spacing
- Format
- Case

STANDARD COMPARISONS



- Include sample to be analyzed called as Questioned / Disputed
- Samples from an individual include
 - Collected writing comes from prior to the beginning of the investigation (helps prevent or indicate when a person is disguising their handwriting) known as Admitted/ Known
 - Requested writing is a dictated text using the same type of paper known as Specimen



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Specimen

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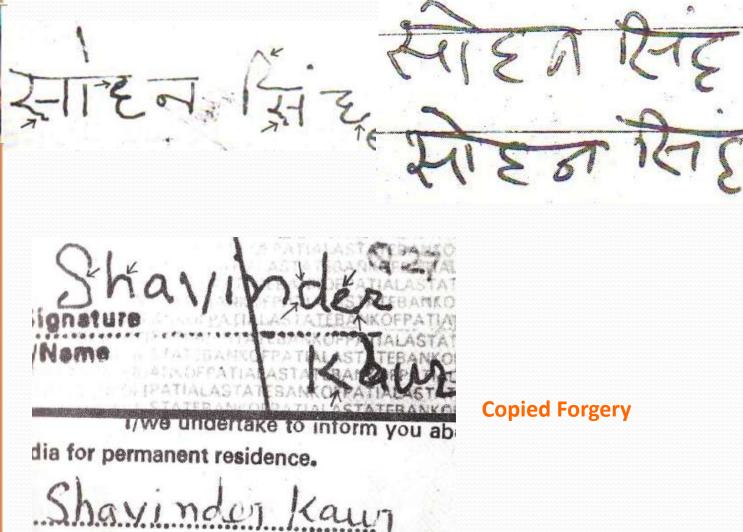
FORGERY TYPES



- 1. Freehand, Simulated or copied forgery
- 2. Traced Forgery
- **3. Forged by memory**
- 4. Forgery without model or forgery by impersonation

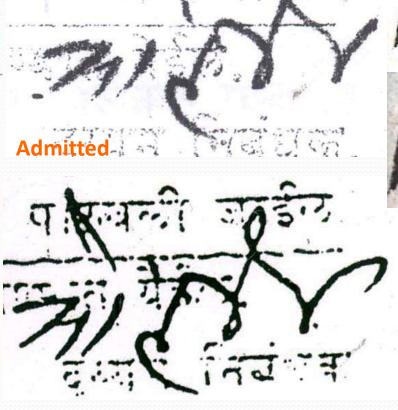




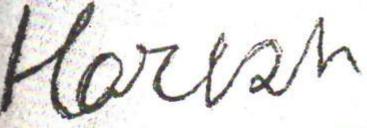








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Traced forgery by use of Carbon

Questioned

DISGUISE HANDWRITING



A deliberate departure from the normal handwriting habits generally referred to as "Disguise"

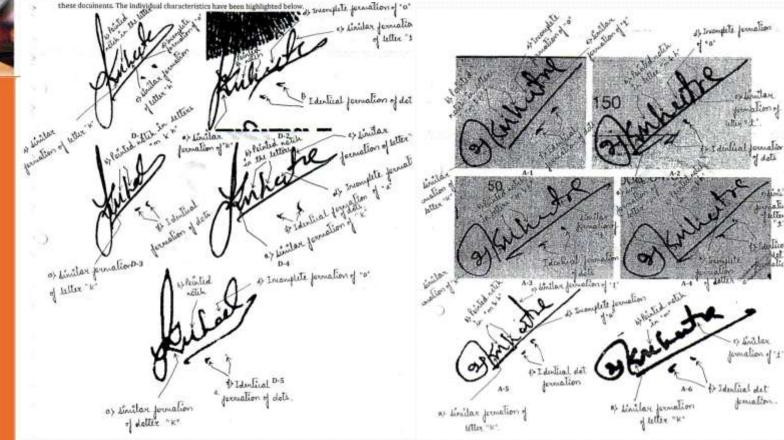
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Even disguised handwriting will exhibit some of the person's individual characteristics



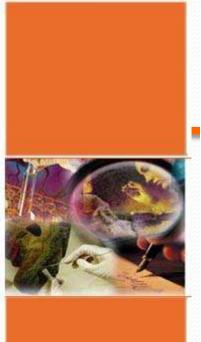




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Questioned or Disputed Document

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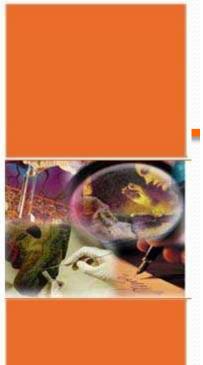
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 Any mechanical device, result in wear and damage to the machine's moving parts and leave behind identifying features on a piece of paper.

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• Examiners compare transitory defect marks, fax machine headers, toner, toner application methods, and mechanical and printing characteristics.



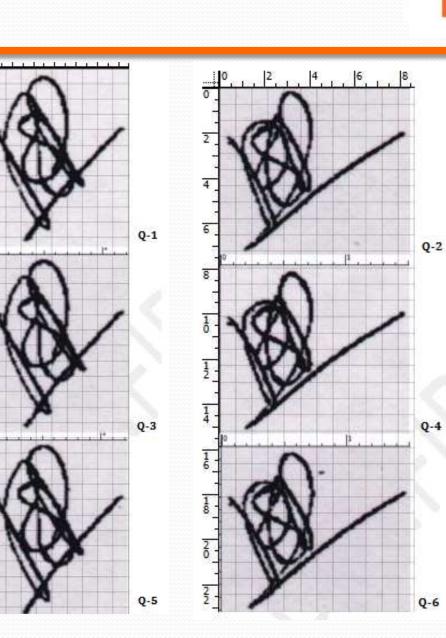


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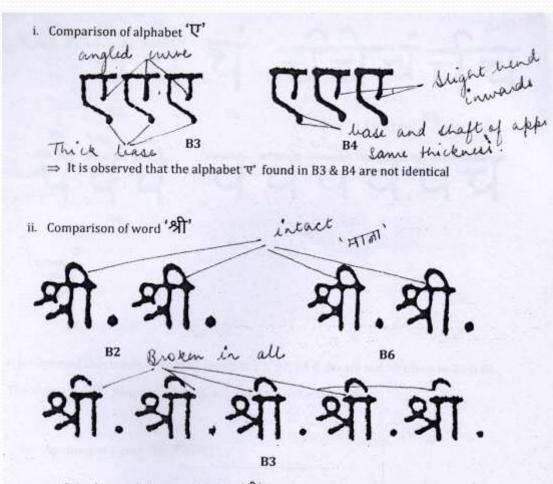
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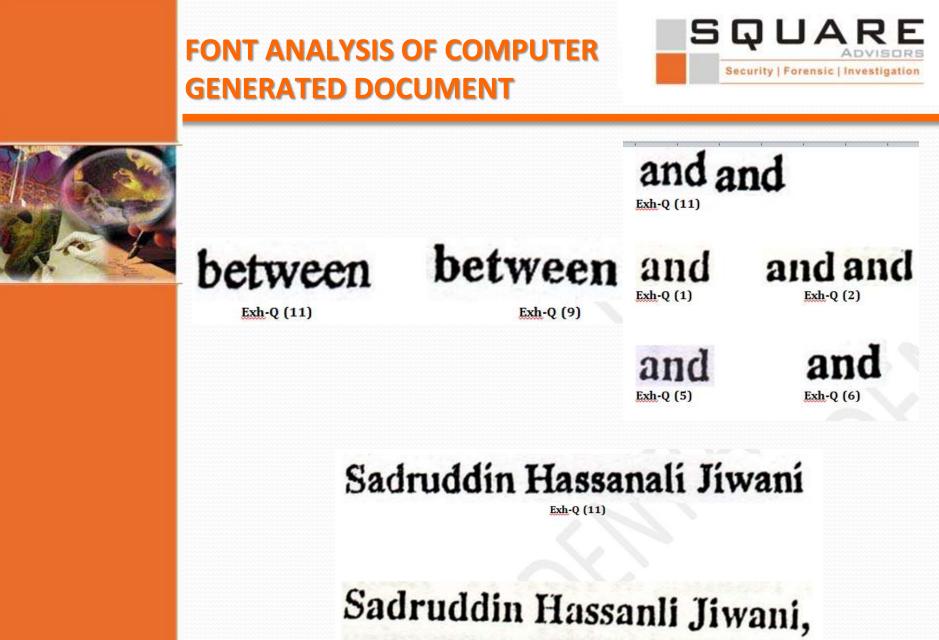






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Exh-Q (1)



In Witness Whereof We have signed this deed in the presence of witness this 30 day of ______ - 2010

Exhibit A

[1] Smt. Ranjanben Keshavlal Popat,

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[2] Shri Manish A, Dhakan,

Signature of witness

RDLaken

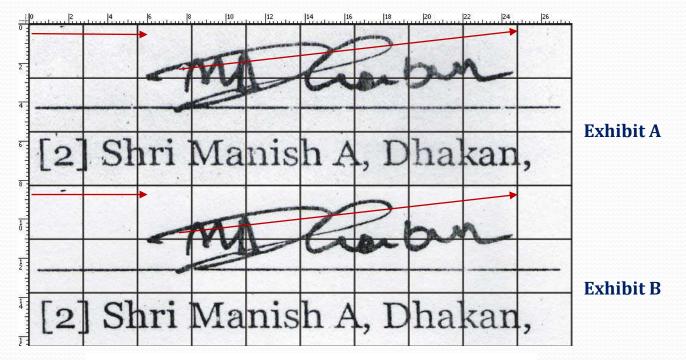
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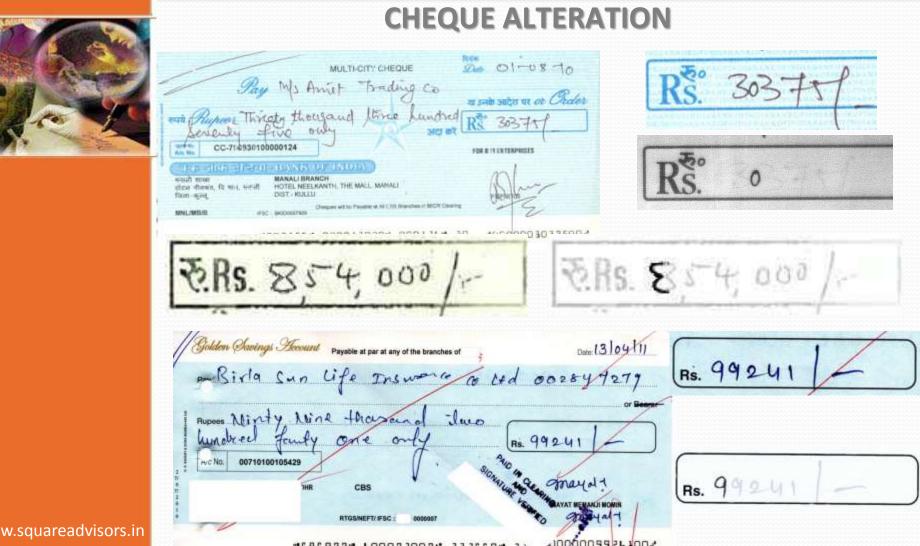






Alignment, margin, spacing, baseline, placement of each alphabet and word identical in Exhibit A & Exhibit B





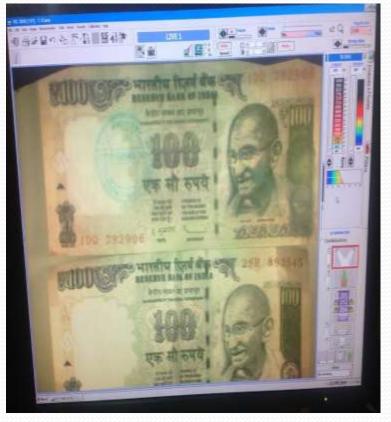
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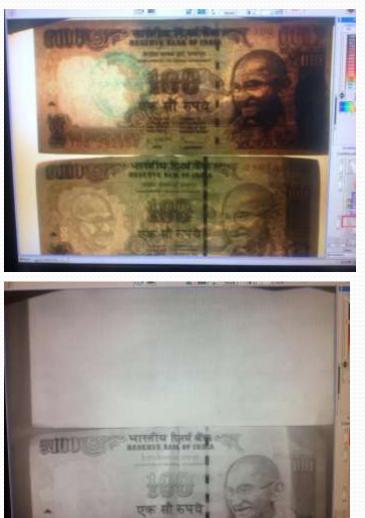
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STAMP IMPRESSION ANALYSIS



Difference in Stamp impressions of same Police Station

- Presence of Lion emblem in Exh-B which is absent in Exh-A
- Difference of font type and style, Defects in Stamps Exh-A & Exh-B





LATEST QDE TECHNOLOGY

- **Forensic Stylometry -** authorship analysis to determine author of anonymous emails
- Stylometry determine a pattern of authorship for each individual suspect author in an investigation.
- The features include character based features, word based features including measures of function word frequencies, the word length frequency distribution of a email, the use of letter and collocation frequencies.
- The set of authors is reduced from an initial large list of possible suspects.



IMPORTANT POINTS



- 1. Determination of the authorship of a FORGED SIGNATURE produced by tracing or by simulation with suspect forger or forgers cannot be done.
- 2. Comparison of handwriting of any language can be done.
- 3. Determination of the authorship of the altered or the over written strokes over the original writing.
- 4. Determination of the authorship of a writing or signature by comparison of its photo state reproduction with the specimen writings of the suspect.
- 5. Determination of absolute age of INK AND PAPER





- Determination of the identity of a particular pen or pencil alleged to have been used in producing the questioned document.
- 7. To determine whether a person is a left handed or right handed cannot be determined
- 8. Signatures with signatures and Initials with Initials
- 9. Use of photocopies of the signature

10.Exhibits required to check alterations

11.Personality assessment reports based on the handwriting sample do not have any validity in the court of law.



EXPERT PROFILE



- 1. Post Graduate Diploma in Legal and Forensic science (Gold Medalist) specialized in QDE and Fingerprint with Masters in Psychology
- 2. Practicing forensic expert since last 14+ years
- 3. Key forensic expert who took orientation programs for the "Hon'ble Session and District Judges of Maharashtra" at Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Uttan
- 4. Appointed by various courts of India to submit expert opinion on Questioned Document Examination and Fingerprinting
- Written chapters on Handwriting and fingerprinting for the book "Forensic Science in Crime Investigation" & have co-authored book, India's Security Requirements"
- 6. Presented more than **17 research papers & articles** in International and National seminars/journals/proceedings on forensic.
- Invited talks delivered at various international & national conferences, Bar Associations, ACB (Anti Corruption Bureau), Training to various Police officials across India
- 8. Participated in BITs World Conference of forensic -2011, Chongqing, China and introduced new technology of "Forensic Stylometry" as powerful investigation tool



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