

Final Analysis Forensics

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Mr. Clarence D. Roberts, Jr., #A351-300
Allen Correctional Institute
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

My full CV and detailed accounts of my current Court Experience is available for download at our website: www.finalanalysisforensics.com.

I have enclosed a brief listing of fees and expenses for the touch DNA project you presented. I estimate that the cost to do such a project will be at least \$10,000.00. For ethical reasons we cannot provide any preferential billing regardless of a client's circumstance. We cannot be seen to "favor" one client over another but must remain the same for every one of our clients -- we are independent finders of scientific fact.

We will need access to the evidence which must be shipped to our lab in order to initiate the work. That is usually where the lawyer comes in. I should think that the Ohio Innocence Project would be interested since finding unknown DNA and none of yours on a key item of evidence need not involve "going after a third party." I have worked with the Ohio Innocence Project on a previous case.

Richard Eikelenboom and I will do the scientific work.

I am sending this to your address since no other address was provided. Let us know if you have other questions.

Best Wishes,



Jon J. Nordby, Ph.D., D-ABMDI
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Final Analysis Forensics Touch DNA Price Sheet

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Services are billed at a rate of \$275/hour for investigation and scientific analyses. I require an initial non-refundable retainer of \$3575 applicable to the first 13 hours spent working the case. This retainer covers our initial conferences, the review of any records or reports that you supply, or the analysis of photographs and physical evidence. It is understood that different rates and fees apply for testimony, depositions, travel, and certain scientific processes detailed as follows:

Current Fee Schedule [Current as of January 1, 2010]

[Day = more than 12 hours, excepting testimony]

Death Investigation

Minimum charge per case \$3575.00

Initial phone/email consultation

Travel time \$275/hr or \$3000/day
[business class or first class air travel]

Investigation / Consultation / Case Review \$275/hr or \$3000/day plus expenses

Depositions \$1500 advance payment required / billed at \$500/hr
[Advance payment is non-refundable once Deposition is scheduled]

Testimony \$3000.00/day billed at \$500/hr
Minimum testimony & trial preparation: \$3000 plus expenses

Criminalistics

Trace evidence analysis \$275/hr or \$3000/day

Microscopy / photography

Ballistics & Firearms Examination

Scene investigation / testing & experiment

Forensic Analysis \$275/hr or \$3000/day

Investigation / evaluation of macro evidence

Investigation / evaluation of expert testimony

Reconstruction & Timeline Analysis - *Case Analyzer*

Laboratory use-fee is 0.015% of total invoice

Miscellaneous

Case retainer fee (Nonrefundable) \$3575.00

Minimum laboratory supplies charge per case \$275.00

Laboratory Assistant \$150/hr

Investigator/Administrative Assistant \$110/hr

Clerical Support \$65/hr

Usage fees for special equipment expense (ALS, FTIR, and XRF) \$50/hr

Shipping surcharge for special samples \$175.00

Shipping surcharge for pre-paid shipping \$25/shipment

Shipping surcharge for billed shipping \$50/shipment + FED EX Charges

Evidence Storage & Biohazards [special circumstances only] \$350/month

Trail & Exhibit Preparation \$275/hr + expenses

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Office expenses and miscellaneous use-fees may also apply

Photocopies	\$0.25/page	CD compilation	\$15.50/disk	Filtration station	\$10.00/hour
Color copies	\$1.10/page	Thermal record & report binding	\$ 45.50/unit	First class or business class air travel	
Color photos	\$5.00/page	Three-ring punching - notebooks	\$112.50/case		
Facsimiles	\$0.50/page	Three-ring binders with covers	\$28.50/each		
Postage	\$0.41/oz	Range rental	\$75.00/hour		
Long Distance	\$2.00/call	Mileage charge for off-road	\$0.65/mile		

(Call for further details)

Unpaid invoices accrue a 1% compound interest charge, not simple interest, per month

Hourly rates apply for each working scientist if associates are retained – Work begins with receipt of retainer (or court payment stipulation order in special circumstances) plus the execution of this agreement; Further information available upon telephone request, or visit our website at www.finalanalysisforensics.com

Touch DNA Costs:

- **Trace DNA recovery** rate is \$200 per hour. [Trace recovery includes evidence examination, sampling as well as DNA extraction.]
- **Samples run through Real Time-PCR**
Standard Rate is \$150 per sample.
- **DNA-profiling:**
Standard Rate for references DNA-sample is \$200 per sample.
Standard Rate for forensic DNA-sample is \$450 per sample.
Several kinds of DNA profiles can be obtained: Identifier, Minifiler, NGM or Y-filer. Identifier produces the most number of alleles. Minifiler is the most sensitive and both Minifiler and the NGM kit produce alleles other kits might not. Y-filer selects only male DNA, getting rid of any female DNA, making it easier to detect male DNA.

Touch DNA involves a very time-consuming process. It is therefore very difficult to estimate costs. It may range from 10 hours to 60 hours, again, depending upon the condition of the sample and any prior handling.

For a touch DNA case, you might budget as follows:

Retainer/fixed costs -----\$3575.00

If 10 hours for extraction -----\$2000.00

If 60 hours for extraction -----\$6000.00

Assume 60 hours; then to get started requires approximately \$10,000.00

The additional fees would involve the per-sample charges of \$450 per DNA profile run. Two profiles would be \$900.00 etc.

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