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LABORATORY REPORT

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Communication(s): February 23, 2021

Agency Reference(s):

Subject(s): Jeffrey Epstein

Victim(s):

Discipline(s): Questioned Documents

FBI Laboratory Evidence Designator(s):

- Item 1 Bag containing shredded paper (Item #25) (1B104, E6516283)
- Item 2 Sixty plastic boards with mounted shred fragments (1B104, E6516283)
- Item 3 Disk containing images of Matchmaker shred reconstruction (1B104, E6516283)

This report contains the results of the questioned document examinations.

Results of Examinations:

Some paper fragments accompanying Item 1 that contained text were mounted on plastic boards, designated Item 2, scanned, and partially reconstructed using the Matchmaker Shredded Paper Reconstruction System. A disk containing a PDF file of the images from Matchmaker is designated Item 3.

It should be noted that the MATCHMAKER System does not guarantee 100% reconstruction of the original documents. Further, the system's "reconstructed documents" are actually images and the submitted items have been digitally reconstructed as best as possible from scanned images of the submitted shredded paper.

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Initial Assessment, Physicals, and Indented writing Methodology:

The methodology utilized when conducting an initial assessment or other non-comparison examination of documentary evidence involves an assessment of the submitted evidence to observe and note features of the submitted item(s), record characteristics which may be important for future examinations, assess the feasibility of the requested examinations, and identify other potentially probative examinations.

- 1) **Analysis:** The examination begins with a macroscopic (visual) examination using ambient lighting. If necessary, microscopic, optical, and/or electrostatic analysis of the submitted item(s) and the use of additional specialized equipment, lighting, and/or reference materials may be employed. The aforementioned methods and techniques will be utilized to assess the various substrates (to include polyethylene film products), writing, machine printing, mechanical impressions, indentations, watermarks, writing/printing mediums, and/or other documentary components of the submitted evidence. When conducting these types of initial assessments and physical examinations of the evidence, at a minimum, any probative characteristics observed that may be altered or destroyed by any other examinations (e.g. latent processing) must be recorded. These examination records may be used in future comparisons.

The following equipment, methods and techniques may also be utilized during the initial assessment of the submitted evidence:

- Electrostatic Detection Apparatus (ESDA)
 - Video Spectral Comparator (VSC)
 - Hyperspectral Imaging (HSI Examiner)
 - Digital Microscopy
 - Stereoscope/other microscopy
 - Various forms of specialized lighting
 - 3M Glare-Stop polarizing filters of various sizes
 - Various measuring devices such as calipers, rulers, etc.
 - Various reference materials and/or software
- 2) **Evaluation:** Upon completion of the initial assessment the examiner will proceed to the appropriate procedure as determined by the assessment. In instances when examinations do not continue into a comparison procedure, results of the initial assessment deemed probative, indented writing results, and/or watermark results will be reported. These results may include, but are not limited to, the following information (as applicable):
 - Writing medium(s) and/or printing process(es) used to produce an item
 - Presence/absence of watermark and/or manufacturer's information
 - Self-adhesive/moisture-activated properties of an item

- Presence/absence of indented writing and possible interpretation of the indentations
- Suitability of an item for future examinations
- Request for additional items
- Any additional observations and assessments that are made and recorded for future examinations

The equipment, methods, and techniques utilized during the initial assessment to assist with a reported result should be included in the "Results of Examinations" section with the reported result. In addition, any limitations of the evidence deemed significant by the examiner should be included with the reported results.

- 3) Verification and Review:** Verifications are performed in instances when a printing process or an interpretation of the content of the indented writing is included in the results of examinations section of the report. Verifications ensure the accuracy of these examinations while additional reviews ensure the appropriate examinations have been conducted, the examiner's conclusions are consistent with technical notes, the technical notes contain sufficient supporting data and are within the limits of the discipline, and all records conform to Laboratory standards.

Remarks:

For questions about the content of this report, please contact Forensic Examiner [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

Items 1 and 2 were previously returned. Item 3 will be returned under separate cover.

This report contains the opinions and interpretations of the issuing examiner(s) and is supported by records retained in the FBI Laboratory files. Please allow a minimum of thirty days from the date of a discovery request for the FBI Laboratory to provide the related materials. The FBI cannot ensure timely delivery of discovery requests received in less time.

The work described in this report was conducted at the Quantico Laboratory.

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