



# Idaho State Police Forensic Services



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### **EDUCATION:**

2013 – 2018

Boise State University, Boise ID  
Bachelor of Science – General Biology

### **EXPERIENCE:**

Sept. 2023 – Present

Forensic Scientist II (Biology/DNA Casework)  
Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Meridian, ID

Sept. 2021 – Sept. 2023

Forensic Scientist I (Biology/DNA Casework)  
Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Meridian, ID

Feb. 2020 – Oct. 2021

Forensic Evidence Specialist (FES)  
Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Meridian, ID

### **CERTIFICATIONS:**

August 2025 – Present

American Board of Criminalistics – Forensic DNA

August 2024 – Present

American Board of Criminalistics – Biological Evidence Screening

April 2020 – April 2025

International Association for Property and Evidence, Inc.  
Certified Property and Evidence Specialist

### **AWARDS:**

December 2024

Ed Rhodes 2025 Scholarship Recipient

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; COMMITTEES; WORKING GROUPS:**

May 2022 – Dec. 2022

American Academy of Forensic Sciences — Criminalistics  
(Trainee Affiliate)

<https://isp.idaho.gov/forensics>

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

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**TESTIMONY:**

2023 Bonneville County, Idaho

2024 Ada County, Idaho  
Bannock County, Idaho  
Nez Perce County, Idaho  
Twin Falls County, Idaho

2025 Ada County, Idaho

**CONTINUING EDUCATION; ASSOCIATION MEETINGS; CONFERENCES:**

January 2026 (12 hours) 2026 AFDA Winter Meeting, "Communication, Comprehension, and Complexity: A Symposium on Presenting DNA Evidence" Meridian, ID (Virtual)

June 2025 (17 hours) Bode Technology Annual Conference Long Beach, CA

September 2024 (32 hours) 35<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI) San Antonio, TX

September 2023 (32 hours) 34<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI) Denver, CO

September 2023 (8 hours) Advanced Workshop on the Reporting of Likelihood Ratios Denver, CO

January-February 2023 (40 hours) Basic Bloodstain Pattern Recognition Course  
Craig C. Moore  
Meridian, ID

July 2022 (12 hours) Paternity Training  
Kelly Beatty  
Meridian, ID

February 2022 (24 hours) 74<sup>th</sup> Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Scientific Conference  
Meridian, ID (Virtual)

September 2021 (24 hours) Courtroom Presentation of Evidence  
Raymond J. Davis  
Meridian, ID

February 2021 (1 hour) Sexual Assault Kits & Beyond  
Meridian, ID

July 2020 (8 hours) Ethics of the Expert Witness  
Raymond J. Davis  
Meridian, ID

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**INTERNSHIPS:**

Jan. 2018 – May 2018

Forensic Autopsy Technician Assistant  
Ada County Coroner's Office  
Boise, ID

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