



# Idaho State Police Forensic Services



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### Education:

Sept 2011

Eastern Washington University  
Bachelor of Science – Chemistry/Biochemistry  
with Forensics Option

### Experience:

March 2024 -  
Present

Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Forensic Scientist – Biology/DNA Casework

Feb 2023 -  
March 2024

Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Independent Contractor – NIBIN Triage and Acquisition

Oct 2016 -  
Aug 2021

Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Forensic Scientist – Biology/DNA Casework

Oct 2014 -  
Oct 2016

Idaho State Police Forensic Services  
Forensic Scientist – DNA Database

June 2013 -  
Sept 2013

Idaho Bureau of Laboratories  
Laboratory Technician

### Certifications:

Oct 2017 -  
Present

American Board of Criminalistics; Molecular Biology Specialty

### Professional Organizations:

April 2019 -  
Dec 2021

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

### Testimony:

Idaho State Courts: Counties: Ada, Bannock, Boise, Canyon,  
Elmore, Kootenai, Twin Falls  
Federal District Court: Boise, ID

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

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### Continuing Education; Association Meetings; Conferences:

- 2024 Statistics I Course (3 credits – University of North Dakota)  
In Service Training: Biology Screening (ISPFS)
- 2023 NIBIN Triage and Acquisition Training (ATF)
- 2021 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Forensic DNA Conference (Bode)  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual STRmix Workshop  
Introduction to Investigation Staged Homicide Scenes; Crime  
Scene Search Principles and Patterns (TriTech Forensics)
- 2020 Professional Meeting – 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting (AAFS)
- 2019 American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Leadership  
Academy and 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium  
Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Instructor  
Development Course (ISP)  
DNA Workshop – Fall Seminar (CAC)  
STRmix Training Workshop (ESR)  
GeneMarker HID Training (SoftGenetics)
- 2018 Basic Bloodstain Pattern Recognition Course (Craig Moore)  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Forensic DNA Conference (Bode)
- 2017 In Service Training: Biology Screening (ISPFS)  
Professional Meeting – DNA (AFDAA)  
Crime Scene Photography (FBI)  
Fundamentals of Drug Related Crime Scene Investigation (RS&A)  
28<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Human Identification (Promega)  
Hair Evaluation for DNA Analysis (WVU)
- 2016 DNA Workshop – Fall Seminar (CAC)  
In Service Training: DNA Analysis of Convicted Offender  
Samples (ISPFS)
- 2015 Courtroom Presentation of Evidence (Raymond Davis)  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual DNA Technical Workshop (Bode)
- 2014 Ethics in Forensic Science (WVU)

### Research; Presentations:

- 2011 Isolation and Purification of DNA from Bloodstains on Porous  
Wood Surfaces. **Venessa Murray**, mentored by Peter Bilous,  
Ph.D., Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Eastern  
Washington University, Cheney, WA.