Capturing Legible Fingerprints

Proper Capture of Image within Fingerprint Block

INCORRECT
- Image printed too low in block.
- Image protrudes into neighboring fingerprint block.

CORRECT
- Entire image printed in the center of the block.

Proper Orientation of Rolled Fingerprint Impressions

INCORRECT
- Image captured at an angle.

CORRECT
- Capture image in a vertical upright position.

Proper Capture of Plain Fingerprint Impressions

INCORRECT
- Image captured at an inappropriate angle.

CORRECT
- Image captured at an appropriate angle.
**White Lines/Cracks/Worn Ridges within Fingerprint Pattern Area**

- **Incorrect**
  - Indicates dry, rough skin. Fingerprint ridge detail not visible.

- **Correct**
  - Worn ridge detail may be improved with the following:
    1) Ridge Builder
    2) Corn Huskers Lotion
    3) Lotion containing Aloe Vera
    4) Massage finger to force blood to fingertips

**Roll Fingerprints Nail to Nail**

- **Incorrect**
  - Loop
  - Whorl

- **Correct**
  - Loop
  - Whorl

  1) Delta needs to be present in a Loop pattern.
  2) Deltas need to be present in a Whorl pattern.

**Complete Pattern Area Not Present in Rolled Impressions**

- **Incorrect**
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  - Whorl

- **Correct**
  - Loop
  - Whorl

  1) Roll finger in a smooth continuous motion from nail to nail.
  2) Roll thumbs towards subject. Roll fingers away from the subject.
  3) Ensure entire first joint of the finger is in constant contact with the card.

**Non Discernable Images/Smudges**

- **Incorrect**

- **Correct**

  1) Do not apply excessive ink to the fingertip.
  2) Do not apply excessive pressure to the fingertip.
  3) During capture, turn subject’s wrist and simply guide the finger being printed.

**Multiple Images**

- **Incorrect**

- **Correct**

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