



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION**

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Nomination of Thomas W. Adair #553 for the Jay Jensen Memorial Award

I am writing to nominate Thomas W. Adair for the Jay Jensen Memorial Award. In my opinion Tom exemplifies everything the award stands for. The Jay Jensen Memorial Award is awarded to members "for exceptional work in the field of the identification sciences or through, his, her, or their devoted, diligent work on behalf of the RMDIAI, having greatly enhanced the image, integrity and morals of the organization as a whole and have thereby brought credit to the high goals and integrity of the identification sciences." This is Tom Adair in a nut shell.

In the field of general Criminalistics Tom has provided instruction at 17 different conferences or seminars including 2 RMDIAI conferences. In the field of bloodstain pattern analysis he has provided instruction at 7 different conferences or seminars. In the field of footwear and tire track analysis he has provided instruction at 14 different conferences or seminars including 2 RMDIAI conferences. In the field of forensic entomology he has provided instruction at 34 different conferences or seminars including 1 RMDIAI conference.

Tom has at least 44 published works to his credit. He has been published in such notable publications as *The Journal of Forensic Sciences*, the *Information Bulletin for Shoeprint/Toolmark Examiners*, which is an official publication of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes, *The Scene*, *IABPA News*, the *Journal of the Southwestern Association for Forensic Scientists*, *The Police Chief*, *Antenna*, *Journal of Forensic Entomology*, *Journal of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science*, *Entomological News*, *Chesapeake Examiner*, *The Journal of forensic Identification*, and of course our own *Silent Witness*. Tom often collaborates with others on research projects and publication topics. And even when he does most of the work he always makes sure his partners get equal credit. I know, because I have benefited from his humble generosity.

Tom co-created the Colorado Forensic Footwear Information Network. Only Tom could come up with an organization with COFFIN for an acronym. Through this organization Tom has been keeping other footwear examiners in the region current on training and techniques. This network has shared information on dozens of cases with footwear evidence. He has created dozens of practice cases and proficiency tests for other footwear examiners to use to sharpen our skills. He also serves as a mentor and peer reviewer for other up and coming footwear examiners such as myself. He freely gives of his time to review cases and share his experience with less experienced examiners.

Tom is a member of NecroSearch International, the International Association for Identification, the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts, the Rocky Mountain Association of

Bloodstain Pattern Analysts, the Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction, The Canadian Society of Forensic Science, the Canadian Identification Society, the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators, the American Academy of Forensic Science, the Colorado AFIS User's Group, the Colorado Law Enforcement Officers Association, the South Area Fire and Explosion Task Force, and of course the RMDIAI. He has served as President of the Colorado AFIS User's Group, President of the Rocky Mountain Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts, President of the Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction, and of course President of the RMDIAI.

Despite of all of this involvement Tom still finds time for case work. He has been qualified to testify as an expert in at least 21 different criminal cases.

Tom has excelled as a criminalist, a researcher, a leader, and an expert. But he will never talk about his achievements. He is humble to a fault and to Tom, there is no such thing as a stranger. He is always willing to help anyone who approaches him with any need or problem. There is no way of knowing how many people have benefited from his knowledge and experience. But we can be certain that there are many.

For his exceptional work in the field of the identification sciences and for his devoted, diligent work on behalf of the RMDIAI, having greatly enhanced the image, integrity and morals of the organization as a whole and having thereby brought credit to the high goals and integrity of the identification sciences, I nominate Thomas W. Adair for the RMDIAI Jay Jensen Memorial Award.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan LeMay', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Jan LeMay, Chair, #670