



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION**

To: RMDIAI Board of Directors
From: Jan LeMay
Re: Nomination for the Outstanding Achievement Award
Date: 09/15/17

I am writing to submit my nomination of Trent Lamar Rundquist for the RMDIAI Outstanding Achievement Award. I have had the opportunity to observe and work with Mr. Rundquist for several years and have developed great respect for him.

As the Technical Lead for the latent print and footwear/tire track sections for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services (CBI-FS), Rundquist oversees the day to day technical operations of twelve forensic scientists working within the CBI-FS laboratory system. He is responsible for the drafting and updating of all of the technical procedures for the CBI-FS and dealing with the almost daily issues relating to the interpretation and application of those procedures.

In the year 2016, five new forensic scientists were added to the CBI-FS latent print section in all four lab locations. Rundquist, while not the primary trainer for all of those individuals, had to oversee their training. The year included multiple revisions and additions to technical working procedures used in the labs. Including the implementation of 100% peer review, where every opinion reached by each scientist is subject to a second evaluation and verification. This has assured the highest possible quality work product produced by the CBI-FS latent print section.

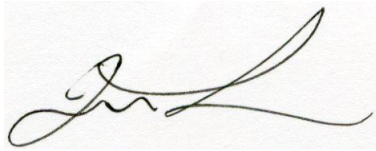
In September of 2016, there was a Schreck challenge to the admissibility of fingerprint evidence in the 5th Judicial District. Rundquist lead the team of three latent print examiners from the CBI-FS who testified at that hearing and successfully defended the admissibility of fingerprint identification science in Colorado District Courts. As we all know, the pressure in such a hearing, setting statewide, or even national legal precedent, can be overwhelming. Trent Rundquist helped prepare the other testifying scientists with confidence and knowledge of the science and the judicial proceeding. Due to his leadership, those very stressful and difficult waters were successfully navigated.

As Technical Lead, there are numerous demands and requirements placed on Rundquist that do not fall on other analysts within the CBI-FS system. But I want it to be understood that this is a *volunteer* position. There is no additional compensation of any kind for serving as Technical Lead for the section, only a great deal more responsibility. He has performed all of these additional duties with absolutely nothing to gain from it. His selfless dedication and commitment is commendable.

In addition to these added responsibilities, he is still expected to complete regular bench case work. He manages a heavy case load in the fingerprint section, along with all of the added responsibilities. His hard work and dedication sets the example of servant leadership, and generates a healthy and productive work environment.

Rundquist has done all of this with humility and grace. He has set the perfect example of what a team leader should be. He has lead the latent print and footwear/tire track sections for the CBI-FS for five years through a great deal of change and some unique and difficult challenges. I am honored to nominate him for the RMDIAI Outstanding Achievement Award for his excellence and tireless dedication as the Technical Leader of the CBI-FS fingerprint and footwear sections.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan LeMay', is centered on a light-colored rectangular background.

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RMDIAI Past President