



Austin Police Department – Forensic Science Division

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Please give a brief description of your duties.	What value do you feel you added to the organization during your internship?	Did this internship meet your expectations? Why or why not?
<p>I shadowed Property Crime Technicians while responding to various property crimes, including automobile thefts and burglaries, and collecting/processing physical evidence.</p>	<p>While my role as an intern was almost strictly observational, I was able to provide some assistance in photographing crime scenes and determining the quality of latent fingerprint lifts.</p>	<p>"My internship met my expectations in many ways. I have had extensive exposure to all varieties of property crimes, including automobile thefts and burglaries of vehicles, residences, and non-residences. Along with this exposure, I have observed techniques for the collection and processing of various forms of physical evidence, including latent fingerprints, bloody fingerprints, touch DNA, blood, shoe prints, shoe impressions, bullet fragments, and hair.</p> <p>The internship differed from expectation in that any more hours were either spent in the vehicle waiting for calls or processing evidence in the laboratory than I initially expected.</p>



Would you recommend this internship to another student? Why or why not?	If you could change one thing about your internship experience, what would it be and why?	Please provide any additional information regarding your internship that you feel students should know.
<p>Yes, I would highly recommend this internship to another student. In addition to the exposure, numerous practical skills, and extensive knowledge gained from the internship experiences, it provides the opportunity to form invaluable relationships and connections within the local forensic science community.</p>	<p>I would have appreciated the opportunity to explore the duties and routines of forensic disciplines outside of Property Crime. As I aspire to be a Crime Scene Specialist, shadowing members of the Crime Scene division and responding to person-on-person crimes such as homicides, suicides, assaults, and robberies would have been invaluable.</p>	<p>N/A</p>