



FORENSIC VIDEO SERVICES LTD

William Platts - Imagery and Video Analyst

Experience, qualifications, appointments and specialities.

I joined the Royal Air Force in 1971 where I trained as a Photographic Interpreter at the Joint School of Photographic Interpretation. As an Intelligence Analyst I became an expert in interpreting images gathered from all sources. This included identifying personalities, vehicles, weapons and equipment. I have many years' experience in written report compilation, briefings and presentations, particularly related to the analysis of imagery.

In 1976 I served with the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre (JARIC) as a Strategic Analyst where I provided briefings to senior MOD officers. Whilst at JARIC I worked in a specialist department dealing with many organisations including the police and intelligence services.

I was a lecturer at the Joint School of Photographic Interpretation and taught photographic analysis, image processing, video skills, and infra-red systems. I lectured on the specialist Imagery Interpretation Course (IIC) where police SOCO's were taught basic photographic interpretation skills and on the Soft Copy (Digital) Imagery Analysis course.

In 1997 I was transferred to the Military Survey HQ in Feltham where I ran an Intelligence Centre and taught civilian cartographers photographic interpretation skills which included photogrammetry.

I have written papers on the subject of digital and analogue video analysis using digital systems, the technicalities of video, desk top publishing and computers. These were published by the RAF and used in the training of MOD and RAF Imagery Analysts (IA's). I have written articles for the Institute of Videography's (IOV) Focus magazine and the police magazines Manchester Beat and Metropolitan Beat. I have been instrumental in the formulation of questions for the IOV digital video entrance question.

After leaving the RAF I became a part-time RAF Reservist between 1999 and 2006. During this time, I received further training on the analysis of digital imagery and served on operational deployments in Turkey in support of the Gulf War.

For two years I worked full-time with Kalagate – a leading provider of forensic video services where I received training in the field of forensic examination.

In 2001 I moved to Peterborough and started Forensic Video Services. My customer base includes solicitors throughout the UK, police forces across England, the BBC and HM departments such as the Customs and Excise, The UK Borders Agency and The Crown Prosecution Service. I have given testimony in many courts across the country including The Central Criminal Court, The Royal Courts of Justice and courts in Dublin. I have appeared on ITV news in relation to the Madeline McCann case and BBC Panorama. I am part of the peer review process.

I feature on the NPJA expert database, the Expert Witness database and the Sweet and Maxwell database. I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute and a Master Member of the Institute of Videography (IOV). I am a member of the British Association for Human Identification (BAHId), the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences (CSFS) and the Forensic Imagery Analysis Group (FIAG).