



FIN 1 PURPOSE

1. The functions of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services (CBI-FS) Latent Print section may be categorized as follows:

- a. To examine items of evidence for the presence or absence of friction ridge detail.
- b. To physically, chemically, and/or electronically process items of evidence for the development of friction ridge detail as appropriate.
- c. To determine the value of friction ridge detail for comparison, for entry into the state/federal/case specific databases.
- d. To conduct comparisons of unknown friction ridge detail to known friction ridge standards, or of known friction ridge standards to known friction ridge standards.
- e. To follow the ACE-V Methodology. ACE-V is an acronym for a scientific method: Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation, and Verification.
- f. To conduct database entries and comparisons.
- g. To identify deceased persons.
- h. To obtain known friction ridge standards.
- i. To testify as an expert in courts of law.