# ERIK BROWN

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### **EXPERTISE**

- Dram shop Toxicology
- DUI testimony (FSTs, Signs & Symptoms, Retrogrades)
- Blood alcohol determination
- Intoxilyzer 5000 & 8000 Operator and QAS
- Preliminary Breath Testers
- Firearms examination, comparison and lecturing for attorneys and police
- Gun Shot Residue Analysis by Scanning Electron Microscopy
- Drugfire and IBIS NIBIN Data Systems
- Shooting distance determination
- Shooting scene reconstruction
- Controlled substances identification
- Forensics LIMS administration

### **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Science, Environmental Toxicology**, University of California at Davis,

Davis, CA, March 1995

Associate of Science, Math and Physics, Hartnell Community College,

Salinas, CA, June 1992

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor,	Arizona State	University	School of I	nterdisciplinary Forensics	Aug. 2025 - Present
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Forensics

## Instructor, Brightmont Academy Oct. 2022 - Present

- Math
- Science
- Forensics

# Criminalist, Independent Mar. 2007 - Present

- Firearm examiner
- Forensic toxicology

### Criminalist, City of Chandler Police Department, Chandler, AZ Aug. 2005 – Mar. 2007

Forensic Science Section

- Forensic alcohol
- Firearm examiner
- Controlled substances chemist

### Criminalist, City of Phoenix Police Dept., Phoenix, AZ

Laboratory Services Bureau

- Firearm examiner
- Arson examiner
- Controlled substances chemist

### Chemist, Del Mar Analytical, Phoenix, AZ

May 1998 – Dec. 1998

Dec. 1998 – Aug. 2005

• Analyzed environmental air, soil and water samples for EPA regulated pollutants.

### Chemist, McKenzie Laboratory, Phoenix, AZ

- Mar. 1997 May 1998
- Analyzed environmental soil and water samples for EPA regulated pollutants.
- Group leader for all Environmental GC/MS analysis.
- Assisted in the development and testing of a new testing method for petroleum hydrocarbons for the State of Arizona.

### Chemist, TJ/H2B, Inc., Rancho Cordova, CA

Jul 1996 – Mar 1997

- Analyzed air, oil and soil samples for the power industry for compliance with EPA and industrial regulatory requirements.
- Established a national quality control system for all corporate labs.

### Chemist, California Laboratory Services, Rancho Cordova, CA

Jul 1995 – Jul 1996

- Analyzed water, soil, and oil samples for EPA and Cal-EPA regulatory requirements.
- Section supervisor of the inorganics/wetchem sections.

## Chemist, Roy F. Weston, Inc., Stockton, CA

May 1995 – Jul 1995

- Analyzed soil, oil, air, and water samples for EPA & Cal-EPA regulatory requirements.
- Analyzed explosive residues in soils for the State of Alabama's remediation efforts.

## Undergraduate Research Asst., University of California at Davis

Jan. 1995 – May 1995

• Worked in Environmental Toxicology Department's "IR4" lab analyzing PCB residues in water for use in criminal and civil litigation.

# Firearms Sales & Service, JKD Shooting Sports, Salinas, CA

1987 - 1990

- Gunsmithing: full breakdown cleaning, replacing broken parts, cutting and re-crowning of barrels, and bore sighting of rifles for scopes.
- Explain firearms to customers in order help them better understand firearms so they would be more informed purchasers.
- Performed function testing of newly purchased firearms.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- NHTSA/IACP Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Practitioner, March 2007
- AFTE Certified Firearms Examiner, January 2007
- Intoxilyzer 5000 Quality Assurance Specialist Permit, March 2006
- Intoxilyzer 8000 Quality Assurance Specialist Permit, September 2005
- Laboratory Analyst's Permit # 295, September 2005
- Intoxilyzer 5000 & 8000 Operator's Permit, August 2005
- Diplomate American Board of Criminalistics, October 2002

### TRAINING SEMINARS

- The Borkenstein Drug Course CFSRE Virtual September 2022
- Reliable Quantification of THC in Chocolate and Identifying Fentanyl Analogs and Illicit Drugs using MassHunter - CFSRE Virtual April 2021
- Forensic Shooting Scene Reconstruction Course, Gunsite Academy, Paulden Arizona by Forensic Science Consultants. Michael and Lucien Haag Instructors. October 29 November 2, 2007.
- NHTSA SFST 2006 Course, Tucson, AZ 2007
- AFTE 2006 Training Seminar, Springfield, MA, 2006
- The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety: Testing, Research and Litigation, Dubowski, A. W. Jones, et all., Bloomington, IN, 2005
- Covert and Surreptitious Building Entries: Lock Picking and Subtle Mechanical Breaching Skills, Carey & Associates International, Phoenix, AZ, 2005
- IBIS/NIBIN Operators School, FTI Inc. Largo, FL, 2002
- Arson and Explosives Seminar, John Dehaan in Seaside, CA, 2002
- Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, San Antonio, TX, 2001
- Serial Number Restoration Techniques, B.A.T.F., Phoenix, AZ, 2000

### **ARMORER'S SCHOOLS**

- Glock Armorers' School, Glock Inc., Phoenix, AZ, 2005
- Taser Training, Rich Wooten, Phoenix, AZ, 2004
- Colt Armorer's Model "O" Armorer's School, Ken Elmore in Mesa, AZ, 2003
- Beretta's Armorer's School, By Beretta, Phoenix, AZ, 2003
- Smith & Wesson Revolver Armorer's Academy, Smith & Wesson Inc., Phoenix, AZ, 2002
- Colt M16/AR15 Law Enforcement Armorer's School, Ken Elmore, Phoenix, AZ, 2001
- Glock Armorer's School, By Glock Inc. in Peoria, AZ, 2000

### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners (AFTE), Regular Member
- Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (SWAFS), Past Member
- Past Diplomate American Board of Criminalistics (D-ABC)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Serial Number Restoration on Ruger P Series Aluminum Alloy Frames, "AFTE Journal, Volume 33 Number 1, Winter 2001.
- "Distance Determine Angle and Performance of the Taser International Model X26," AFTE Journal Volume 37 Number 3, Summer 2005.

#### LECTURES & INSTRUCTION GIVEN

- "Fundamentals of Blood Alcohol Testing or... Blood Testing 101" teleconference presentation for State Bar Association, September 18, 2020.
- "How to Use and When Not to Use an Expert" presentation AACJ Seminar in Tucson, May 4, 2018.
- "Trial Issues" presentation at AACJ Seminar in Tucson, May 6, 2017.
- "Statewide Blood Update" presentation at AACJ Seminar in Tucson, May 2, 2015.
- "Gun Shot Residue/Distance Determination" presentation at 8th Annual Public Defender Association seminar in Tempe Arizona.
- "Forensic Science Overview" at Chandler-Gilbert Community College September 28, 2009 in Gilbert Arizona.
- "Discovery for Blood Alcohol Analysis" at Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law September 25, 2009 in Tempe Arizona.
- "Blood Alcohol Analysis" presentation for Maricopa County Public Defenders August 25-26, 2009 in Phoenix Arizona.
- "Gun Shot Residue/Distance Determination" presentation for Maricopa County Public Defenders August 18, 2009 in Phoenix Arizona.
- "Scientific Aspects of DUI Cases" July 9, 2009 in Phoenix Arizona.
- "Forensic Firearms and GSR Analysis" June 18, 2009 at 7th Annual Public Defender Association seminar in Tempe Arizona.
- "Blood Alcohol Analysis" May 9, 2009 at the Arizona Association for Criminal Justice seminar in Tucson Arizona.
- "Forensic Firearms Analysis" February 16, 2009 at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in Tempe Arizona.
- "Forensic Firearms Analysis" June 17, 2008 6th Annual Arizona Public Defender Association seminar in Tempe Arizona.
- "Introduction to DUI Blood Cases" June 16, 2008 6th Annual Arizona Public Defender Association seminar in Tempe Arizona.
- "An Inside Look at Blood Testing from the Analyst's Perspective" Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of law Alumni Association's DUI XXII, September 2007.
- Forensic LIMS Installation and Training, Kentucky State Police, June 2007.
- Faculty at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Public Defender Association seminar in Tempe Arizona. Co-lecturer on "Understanding Blood Alcohol Analysis", June 2007.
- Forensic LIMS Installation and Training, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 2007 and 2008.
- Firearms Safety and Evidence Collections Class for Crime Scene Response, City of Chandler Police Department, Jan. 12, 2006.
- Forensics Aspects of Firearms Evidence for Chandler Detectives, City of Chandler Police Department, June 21, 2006.
- Bullet Impact Testing for Police and Crime Scene Response, City of Chandler Police Department, 2006.
- Forensic LIMS Installation and Training, Nebraska State Police, 2006.
- Forensic LIMS Installation and Training, Alabama Dept. of Forensic Sciences, 2004.
- Forensic LIMS Installation and Training, New Mexico State Police, 2003.
- Drug Recognition Training for Post-Academy Police Officers, City of Phoenix Police Department, 1999 2000.

## **TESTIMONY**

Qualified as an expert witness in the following courts:

- Superior Courts of Maricopa County, AZ (Criminal & Civil)
- United States Federal District Court Phoenix AZ
- Town of Gilbert Municipal Court, Gilbert, AZ
- City of Mesa Municipal Court, Mesa, AZ
- City of Chandler Municipal Court, Chandler, AZ
- City of Scottsdale Municipal Court, Scottsdale, AZ
- City of Phoenix Municipal Court, Phoenix, AZ
- City of Tempe Municipal Court, Tempe, AZ
- City of Tucson Municipal Court, Tucson, AZ
- Maricopa Justice Courts, Maricopa County, AZ
- Graham Justice Courts, Safford, AZ
- Apache Junction Municipal Court, Apache Junction, AZ
- Pima County Superior Court, Tucson, AZ
- Pima County Justice Court, Tucson, AZ
- Pinal County Superior Court, Florence, AZ
- Surprise Municipal Court, Surprise, AZ
- Wickenburg Municipal Court, Wickenburg, AZ
- City of Peoria Municipal Court, Peoria, AZ
- Luke Air Force Base, AZ
- Pinal County Justice Court, Eloy AZ
- Sheppard Air Force Base, TX
- Coconino County Superior Court, AZ
- Gila County Justice Court, Payson AZ
- Marana Municipal Court, Marana AZ
- United States Federal District Court Tucson AZ
- Mohave Superior Court, Kingman AZ
- Oro Valley Magistrate Court, Oro Valley AZ
- Prescott Valley Magistrate, Prescott Valley AZ
- Goodyear Municipal Court, Goodyear AZ
- Yavapai County Justice Court, Prescott and Cottonwood AZ
- Sedona Municipal Court, Sedona AZ
- New Mexico District Court, Las Cruces NM
- Mohave Superior Court, Bullhead City AZ
- Los Angeles Superior Court, Norwalk CA
- Lake Havasu Municipal Court, Lake Havasu City AZ
- Glendale Municipal Court, Glendale AZ
- Avondale Municipal Court, Avondale AZ
- Yuma County Justice Court, Yuma AZ
- Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
- Casa Grande Municipal Court, Casa Grande AZ
- Tusayan Justice Court, Grand Canyon AZ