

PRESSURE AND SPEED AS BASIC PARAMETERS IN LEGAL HANDWRITING EXPERTISE

Just as the shape is the first thing that the forger tries to change, there are also secondary parameters that depend more on one's state of mind than on an individual's own natural graphics, such as the slope and linear direction. On the contrary, if there are two basic parameters for expert handwriting analysis, they are pressure and speed. The advertisement for a computer program surprised us because it announced that it had omitted both parameters because a graphological company or society, that likewise has another body of handwriting experts, had assured them that neither pressure nor speed were important in handwriting expertise. All we can say to that is: please do not let anyone else make such a mistake, for the sake of our profession, we feel embarrassed on their behalf to read this type of assertion, which could confuse many people, and even more embarrassed that almost no-one dared to say anything and other people, particularly students, might believe this.



In fact, we have in our team Professor Marcos Faúndez, Director of the UPC (Technical University of Catalunya) School in Mataró and professor for the Fuerzas y Cuerpos de la Seguridad del Estado (Spanish Law Enforcement Forces and Agencies), who for many years has been developing a handwriting identification biometric system, and as we are also establishing a collaboration in this sense, we can report that his device indeed takes pressure and speed into account in the writing

identification programmes. Furthermore, despite some significant achievements, the matter is complex, but at least we are now much closer to reducing errors than a programme that presumes to identify handwriting while omitting pressure and speed. It is like presuming to offer Bertillón's destructive grammatomorphic method in computerized form: with this method Captain Dreyfus was unjustly sentenced for espionage, years later, thanks to international experts who gave reports on the graphonomic method, he was exonerated, but the miscarriage of justice had already been done, as had the discrediting of Bertillón.

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