

## Expert evidence – South Africa

As a non-expert I have followed the South African trial of **Fred van der Vyver** with great interest.

Although I am leaving it to the experts to post their own presentations if they so wish even without them the transcripts of recent expert evidence given by Pat Wertheim and Arie Zeelenberg on fingerprints and William Bodziak ( <http://www.bodziak.com/> ) on footwear impressions stand alone in giving a fascinating insight into the expert's trade.

While the extracts are necessarily lengthy they have the thriller like quality found in the cut and thrust of courtroom testimony and cross-examination and I am sure that even experts will find something of interest in them.

Some the court records start in Afrikaans but revert to English for the testimony.

A summary of the **Fred van der Vyver** case can be found at:

<http://www.blogsouthafrica.net/2007/06/04/inge-lotz-murder-the-fingerprints/>

The court testimony of all witnesses can be found at:

Pat Wertheim 1: <http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/Pat113AUG07.pdf>

Pat Wertheim 2: <http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/Pat214AUG07.pdf>

Pat Wertheim 3 and  
Arie Zeelenberg 1 : <http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/PatandArie15AUG07.pdf>

Arie Zeelenberg 2: <http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/Arie216AUG07.pdf>

William Bodziak 1: <http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/Bodziak.pdf>