

**News Release**  
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**Charlotte, NC**  
**Katherine Koppenahver**

This news release is to clarify a misinterpretation that is being published about Forensic Document Laboratory Inc president and founder Thomas Grogan on Katherine Koppenahver's website in her "NEWS" section.

Mrs. Koppenahver writes on her site:

"Thomas Grogan is advertising the Forensic Document Examination Course by Katherine Koppenahver, CDE, NADE as part of his training. Mr. Grogan dropped this course after the first few lessons. He is not taking this course at the present time and has been asked to remove mention of it from his website. The course is not associated with NADE."

Until the aforementioned listing was removed from Thomas Grogan's website, it appeared as the following on his "Credentials" page under "Education":

- Forensic Document Examination Course by Katherine Koppenahver, NADE, CDE

For clarification, Mr. Grogan did begin the correspondence course but was forced to discontinue due to what was (at that time) a very serious and potentially lethal diagnosis of cancer. A battle he has since fought and won. Shortly after his doctor's declaration of remission, Mr. Grogan returned to his training but did not continue with Mrs. Koppenahver's correspondence course as he was already accepted as an apprentice under Don Lehew.

A few more factual points that need to be clarified:

1. Unlike the other listings of Thomas Grogan's education that he successfully completed and graduated, Mrs. Koppenahver's listing does not have a date next to it. Thusly, Mr. Grogan never stated that he finished the course; simply that it was a part of his education.
2. The NADE listing came after Mrs. Koppenahver's name along with the CDE title. The NADE mention refers to Mrs. Koppenahver herself as she is not only a member of the National Association of Document Examiners since 1982 to present, but also served as President of NADE in 1990 -1994 and re-elected in 2000 (as stated on her CV). Thusly, Mr. Grogan never stated that the course was associated, distributed, endorsed or created by NADE.

3. In addition to the time Thomas Grogan spent taking a portion of Katherine Koppenahver's course, both William and Katherine Koppenahver were guest instructors at numerous training conferences that Mr. Grogan attended and participated in. Thusly, any additional mention of training received from Mrs. Koppenahver is accurate and factual.

Any conclusions to the contrary are merely a misinterpretation of what was stated very simply on Thomas Grogan's website. Mr. Grogan stands firm on the accuracy of this listing as well as all other information that is found on his website. It is only by the request of Katherine Koppenahver that her particular mention was removed.

If any examiner or potential client has any questions about this or anything else regarding Thomas Grogan's credentials, they can feel free to contact Mr. Grogan directly as well as his numerous past clients and current associates.

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## **Resources:**

**Thomas Grogan's website:** [www.thomasgroganfde.com](http://www.thomasgroganfde.com)

### About Thomas Grogan:

Thomas Grogan is a forensic document examiner and handwriting expert. He is the president and chief examiner of Forensic Document Laboratory, Inc. Mr. Grogan has worked in handwriting since 1997 and has served an apprenticeship under renowned handwriting expert Don Lehew (who has appeared numerous times on the Nancy Grace Show on CNN Headline News and Court TV). Thomas deals with cases involving questioned and disputed documents, medical and insurance fraud, anonymous letters, handwriting and typewriter identification, ink analysis and latent fingerprint detection.

He teaches monthly seminars on Identity Theft and it's relation to forgery. Mr. Grogan also works in close association with Dan Starks from NBC6's "Don't Be a Victim" and "Partners Against Crime" segments and Starks Training Institute Inc. Thomas is also an independent instructor with Forensics 101 Inc, a science education initiative that offers a wide selection of individual workshops and group programs for schools, daycares, libraries, church groups, home school groups, community youth groups, festivals, community events, and more.

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