**Handwriting Analysis Lab #4**

**Procedure:**

**Part 1. Analyzing Tops and Bottoms of Letters**

1. Write the words “forensic science” twice in table 1 below.
2. Have two other people write the same words in table 1 below.
3. Put the tracing paper on top of the writing.
4. Make a small mark at the top of each letter.
	* For letters with more than one top point, like the letter y, put a dot at the top of both possible top points.
5. Using a ruler, join the dots for each handwriting sample, so you have a single crooked line for each sample. (see example provided by teacher)
6. Compare the resulting line for each sample. (staple your tracing paper to this lab when you are finished)

Table 1:

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**Part 2: Analyzing the Slant of Letters**

Use the same signatures above, repeat steps 3-6 above, but this time make a line through the center of each letter, slanting in the same direction as the letter. (staple your tracing paper to this lab when you are finished)

**Part 3: Solving the Case**

Using both methods from Part 1 and 2, determine which of the suspect’s handwriting samples matches the sample in the box below. (staple your tracing paper to this lab when you are finished)



**Suspects Handwriting Samples:**



Suspect 1

Suspect 2

Suspect 3

Suspect 4