



Media Bio for Forensic Artist **DALENE NIELSON**

Born in Portsmouth, Virginia and raised in Orlando, Florida, Dalene has lived in Nevada and Utah since 1970. She is the mother of 5 adult children.

Dalene's artistic ability is a talent that she was born with and has had no formal artistic training. For 25 years she has done commission work, focusing mainly on portraits. She works with pencil and charcoal, preferring the black and white medium and that it allows her to "just sit down anywhere and draw". Her work has been recognized and awarded, donated and sold in both Utah and Nevada. Portraits continue to be her favorite thing to draw and subsequently led her to expand her career to forensic art.

Beginning her career in forensic art by working with the S.L.C.P.D., she drew the "Immanuel" composite sketch for the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping case. Dalene has since worked with the non profit organization, "Child Watch", drawing a post mortem sketch for a Houston P.D. case, composite work for the Ketchum, Idaho P.D. and she works with the Clark County Coroners office doing post mortem sketches that are posted on their website. These sketches have already produced results, leading to the identification of a "John Doe" within 4 weeks of posting the sketch. Currently she is the forensic artist for "Child Rescue Network" and is working for Departure Films doing composite sketches for the Court TV program "Haunting Evidence". Drawing from descriptions given to her by world famous psychic John Oliver, one description has been successful in the identification of a suspect who has since been convicted of the murder.

Dalene contributes her success as a forensic artist not only to her artistic talent but also to her medical background and extensive study of anatomy and physiology in college. She is also being mentored by Lois Gibson, who teaches forensic art at Northwestern University in Chicago and is a full time forensic artist for the Houston P.D.. Ms. Gibson states, "*Dalene Nielson is a talented artist whose forensic sketches have proved effective. She is a rising star in a growing field. I highly recommend that you utilize her talents to solve homicide, sex crimes, juvenile, robbery and other criminal cases.*"

Capt. Cory Lyman formerly of the S.L.C.P.D. states, "*You should be proud of the role you played in Elizabeth's safe return. As commander of the (Elizabeth Smart) task force, I also want to commend you for your professionalism in adhering to your "confidentiality agreement". At a time when speaking out would have benefited you personally, you remained quietly out of the public eye. This speaks volumes about your integrity and character.*"

Assistant Coroner, John Fudenberg states "*The Clark County Coroner's Office and especially our Task Force have benefited from Dalene's talents. Her rapid production abilities, attention to detail and genuine concern to uphold the highest possible standards have made her a vital part of our team's success. It is a privilege to work with her as well as a pleasure.*"

Letters of recommendation, news articles and excerpts from books about her work, post mortem, age progression and composite sketches, also pictures of commissioned art work can be seen on her website at www.findingfaces.com. **Dalene resides in St. George, Utah and can be contacted by cell at 801-231-1460.**