

### **Reconstruction of a Robbery Shooting Incident:**

Public defenders of an accused murderer contacted me to analyze the ballistics of the pistol bullets fired. Two private security guards were emptying an ATM of cash when a young criminal attacked them. The shooting was caught on surveillance videotape, so guilt was clearly established. The man was charged with two counts of murder, and one count of attempted murder, as a bullet hole was present on the bullet-resistant glass adjacent to the driver, who witnessed the robbery from inside the armored car. The murderer had no choice but to plead guilty to the killing of two guards, but he claimed that he did not shoot at the driver while running from the scene. His story was that the guards who shot back at him were responsible for the bullet impact next to the driver. In this case, I reviewed the police report, scene photos, the police diagram, measurements, and the video. My trajectory analysis showed that the bullets of the two guards could not have been the cause of the bullet impact that was adjacent to the uninjured driver. That left only one other explanation: the murderer attempted to kill the sole surviving witness to the robbery. The public defender attorneys thanked me for my time and I was not contacted again; my analysis was contrary to the interests of their client, and was discarded. In court, the public defenders repeated their client's story, claiming that he did not shoot at the driver. The murderer is currently serving a life sentence.