Forensic Artist

**Job Description:** Works with law enforcement to identify criminal suspects and victims through facial composite techniques, including sketching, sculpting, and modeling.

**What does a Forensic Artist do?**

* Sketch composites of criminal suspects or unidentifiable victims
* Recreate skeletal or unrecognizable images using 2D and 3D imagery
* Create age progression sketches of suspects and missing persons
* Prepare diagrams, chart evidence boards and 3D reconstructions or crime scenes for court hearings and other judicial proceedings
* Prepare reports, exhibits, and displays for court proceedings
* Artistically enhance or alter surveillance photographs
* Create facial reconstructions using 3D imagery tools including clay sculpture or computer technology
* Conduct interviews with witnesses and victims to gain information on the physical appearance of the suspect

**Your Interests:**

* Are you creative?
* Do you want to work with law enforcement on the local or federal level?
* Are you interested in forensics?

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $29.78 hourly, $61,930 annually

Projected Job Openings – 2,500 in the next 10 years

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Entry level position requirements range from an associate's degree to a bachelor's degree.
* Degree paths include forensic art, forensics, graphic design, fine art, and other related fields.