
DNA Evidence Submission/CODIS Eligibility Questionnaire (CEQ)

The answers to these questions will assist the laboratory in determining if a DNA profile developed in a case is eligible for CODIS (Combined DNA Indexing System). A DNA profile becomes CODIS eligible when it is obtained from biological material collected from a crime scene and is attributable to a presumed perpetrator. We ask that a completed CEQ be submitted whenever DNA testing is requested. If a CEQ is not submitted, it may result in a delay in analysis and or CODIS entry.

For All Cases: Please give a brief description of the events that allegedly occurred.

What evidence are you submitting for DNA analysis; and how is that evidence associated with the crime scene, the victim, or the suspect? If it is not immediately obvious (*just two examples - a sexual assault kit and blood on a broken window at a burglary*), please include why you think a DNA profile will assist in your investigation. If clothing or bedding is being submitted, tell us where it was taken from.

For Sexual Assault Cases

To improve our service, we ask that you tell us the following information:

1. What type of contact allegedly occurred (oral, vaginal, anal penetration, penis, finger, mouth, with or without ejaculation)?
2. Did the victim have consensual sexual relations any time in the five days (120 hours) prior to the incident or any time between the incident and the evidence collection? —
If this answer is yes, an elimination standard from the consensual partner is needed to help us differentiate between DNA profiles which are legitimately present and those of the perpetrator. Only foreign DNA profiles may be uploaded to CODIS (i.e. those profiles not from a victim or a consensual partner).
3. What is the relationship between the victim and the suspect, and did they live together?

For Property Crimes & Other Offenses (e.g. Burglary, Robbery, Felon in Possession, Controlled Substances, etc.)

1. Do the items being submitted belong to the victim or a resident or an owner of the property? —
2. Did the victim, a resident, or an owner handle the evidence at any time? —
If this answer is yes, standard samples from the victims/residents/owners who handled the evidence will be needed for elimination purposes prior to entry of any profiles into CODIS.
3. Can the victim, resident, and owner of the property be eliminated as the source of the item? —
(For example, a cigarette butt from a home where no one smokes. A hat that the homeowner denies owning.)
If yes, please explain what eliminates them as a source.
4. For possession-related crimes, where were the items recovered from? If the item was recovered directly from the suspect's person or possessions, please be specific.
5. For controlled substance cases, if DNA analysis does not identify the known suspect on any of the submitted items, will the DA charge any other person whose DNA ends up being identified on the items? —