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Sexual Assault Response Team – Notifications

APPENDIX A

The following nine tables identify **notification decisions** broken down into categories of forensic testing results.

1. CODIS Hit to Known Offender			
Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Case never presented for review by Lane County District Attorney (LCDA) AND: Appears prosecutable with victim participation	X		
Case never presented for review by LCDA AND: Does not appear prosecutable (even with victim participation and despite the CODIS Hit and other available information)			X
Case never presented for review by LCDA AND: Does not appear prosecutable (even with victim participation) BUT: Testing result provides information which was previously unknown to victim (i.e. where/what type of sexual assault occurred)			X

Case previously presented for review by LCDA AND: LCDA previously made a decision to not issue the case BUT: The testing results change that decision AND: The case is still prosecutable	X		
Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim
Case previously presented for review by LCDA AND: LCDA previously made a decision to not issue the case AND: Nothing about the testing results changes that decision BUT: Testing results provide information which was previously unknown to victim (i.e. where/what type of sexual assault occurred)			X
LCDA previously prosecuted the case AND: Testing results simply confirm the identity of the suspect		X	
LCDA previously prosecuted the case AND: Testing results provide information which was previously unknown to victim (i.e. where/what type of sexual assault occurred)			X

2. DNA from Known Offender Case is Uploaded to CODIS, but no Hit Results			
Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Testing results provide information which was previously unknown to victim (i.e. where/what type of sexual assault occurred)			X
Testing results provide no new information to victim		X	
3. CODIS Hit to Consensual Partner (Known or Unknown Offender)			

Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Testing results match victim's reported consensual partner		X	

4. CODIS Hit to Offender Other Than Who Was Previously Prosecuted (Known or Unknown Offender)

Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
LCDA previously prosecuted the case AND: Testing results match a different offender (not the individual adjudicated) ¹	X		

5. CODIS Hit to Unknown Offender

Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Testing results yield a CODIS Hit to a previously unknown offender. This includes cases that cannot be prosecuted due to the applicable statute of limitations	X		

6. DNA from Unknown Offender Case is Uploaded to CODIS, but no Hit Results

Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Testing results yield a DNA profile that can be uploaded to CODIS, but no Hit results ²	X		

¹ These results will be carefully analyzed in accordance with the USAK Post-Conviction Policy prior to notifying a victim.

² One reason to notify the victim in this scenario is that the victim may have additional information about the identity of the suspect which they gained at a later time and have not yet reported.

7. Forensic Match (via CODIS) (Known or Unknown Offender Cases)			
Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Testing results yield a DNA profile that matches another evidentiary profile in CODIS, but the profile has not been identified to an offender ³	X		

8. DNA Result is Insufficient for CODIS Uploading (Known or Unknown Offender cases)			
Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Testing results yield some DNA, but not enough for CODIS uploading		X	

9. No DNA⁴ Detected (Known or Unknown Offender Cases)			
Case Scenarios	Notify Victim	Will NOT Notify Victim	Consider Notification of Victim
Testing results yield no DNA that is foreign to the victim		X	

³ Same rationale as in previous footnote.

⁴ This means that there is no DNA foreign to the victim.