



**NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE  
FORENSIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION  
OFFICE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES  
MEMORANDUM**



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| TO      | : State of New Jersey Law Enforcement Agencies   | DATE: 6-6-19 |
| FROM    | : Joseph R. Petersack , Director, OFS<br>Major Frederick P. Fife, Commanding Officer F&TSS |              |
| SUBJECT | : CODIS eligible cases for Rapid DNA searching   |              |

The FBI Laboratory Division (LD) has been working for several years with the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division and the CJIS Advisory Policy Board (CJIS APB) Rapid DNA Task Force to plan the effective integration of Rapid DNA into the law enforcement booking station process. To help the law enforcement community understand the Rapid DNA process, the DISC acronym for the DNA Index of Special Concern was chosen because of its similarity to the Repository for Individuals of Special Concern (RISC), an existing law enforcement mobile fingerprint system.

DISC was created to facilitate searching of Arrestee Rapid DNA profiles. During the Rapid DNA booking process, Arrestee profiles will be generated by FBI approved Rapid DNA Systems operated at the booking station. After passing a set of criteria, the Arrestee DNA profile will automatically be enrolled in the State DNA Index System (SDIS) and the National DNA Index System (NDIS) databases. The enrolled Arrestee profile will be immediately searched against DISC at SDIS and NDIS.

If the search of DISC results in a hit between the enrolled Arrestee to an unsolved crime (**see below for eligible cases**), a hit message called the Unsolicited DNA Notification (UDN) will be generated automatically by the CODIS software. This message will be sent immediately to the investigative agency of that forensic profile, the booking agency, and the arresting agency. This UDN message will be routed to the ORI for each agency by a CJIS Message Manager (CMM) service via the Nlets (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) communications system. Nlets is a system currently used for distributing 'wants and warrants' and other important notifications to law enforcement agencies. Nlets was chosen as it is the only system that law enforcement agencies in all states are able to receive 24/7 notifications from CJIS. The investigating agency ORI is the agency's ORI that is monitored 24 hours a day for NCIC Hit Confirmation or is monitored by another 24-hour agency through a written agreement.

**The NJSP OFS DNA Laboratory is soliciting cases which may be suitable for Rapid DNA searching. If your investigative agency has any active and unsolved sexual assault, homicide, kidnapping, or terrorism cases, please contact the State CODIS Administrator (Harpreet Singh, [609-584-5054 x5423](tel:609-584-5054), [lppsingh@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lppsingh@gw.njsp.org)) or DNA Laboratory Director (C. Ken Williams, [609-584-5054 x5721](tel:609-584-5054), [lppwillc@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lppwillc@gw.njsp.org)).**

**The DNA Laboratory will determine if a forensic profile from your case is eligible for inclusion in the DNA Index of Special Concern (DISC). This index was created to facilitate searching of arrestee profiles generated by FBI approved Rapid DNA systems operated at booking stations. If the DNA Laboratory determines a forensic profile is eligible for inclusion, additional information will be needed from your agency.**