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DISCOVERY REQUEST

In general:

All reports, notes and data should be complete and any copies should be of high quality.

Any stamps or markings should not obscure original writing or other documentation.

All pages should be sequentially numbered in (page number/total pages) format. This is to ensure that all pages are present and have been transmitted in their intended order.

Check to make sure that no pages are missing.

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** Copying at 95% can help ensure that writing in the page margins will be visible.*

To be provided by the laboratory:

1. All DNA laboratory REPORTS
2. All forensic biology laboratory REPORTS, including presumptive testing and serology.
3. All forensic biology and DNA laboratory NOTES, from evidence intake to disposition.
4. List of any abbreviations and/or acronyms used in the laboratory notes.
5. STR data
 - a) CD, initialized to be readable on a PC platform, containing the following electronic files:
 - i) Raw data sample files (**in .fsa and/or .hid file format**) for ALL runs relevant to the case.
 - For GeneMapper projects make sure the analyzed sample files are included.
 - ii) GeneMapper ID and/or GeneScan/GenoTyper projects for ALL runs relevant to the case. (*The entire project folder should be copied to a CD and the CD should be clearly labeled with case information and initialed by the analyst.*)
 - iii) Hard copy **color** printouts of the GeneMapper ID and/or Genotyper data. If color not possible, black & white will suffice.
6. DNA quantitation data including the electronic files and hard copy printouts of quantitation data.



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7. Electronic copy of the Forensic Biology and DNA SOP Protocols including the interpretation guidelines and database references in use at the time(s) the casework was performed. (*The electronic document should be readable with Microsoft Word 97/98 or 2003*).

8. Forensic Biology and DNA Laboratory Corrective Action Log

9. Proficiency Test Results Log of all analysts who performed any analysis of case evidence.

The discovery materials if in hard copy form should be forwarded via courier service to the address cited below with an attention line to Thomas A. Wahl or sent electronically to the email address cited below.

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