

Known Reference Sample via Consent

Case Number _____

Non-Suspect Known Reference Sample

Suspect Known Reference Sample

The Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (ASCDL) enters DNA profiles into a database called CODIS to help solve crimes. Every effort is made so DNA profiles from victims or other innocent persons (e.g. consensual sex partners) are not entered into CODIS. In order to rule those persons out as the source of the DNA obtained from crime scene evidence, a known reference sample is collected for comparison. This is collected so that the DNA profile of an innocent person is not put into the CODIS database by mistake. A known reference sample is collected by swabbing the inside of a person's cheek. Providing these known reference samples makes sure that the privacy rights of the crime victim, their sex partners, and other innocent persons are maintained.

Providing your DNA sample is the best way to maintain your privacy because:

- The lab is not allowed to enter your reference sample in CODIS
- Reference samples obtained by **consent** are also not allowed to be used in other cases