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## BCI Sexual Assault Testing Protocol

If an investigating officer concludes that a sexual assault may have been committed, it is recommended that the agency submit the sexual assault kit for laboratory testing. All such kits submitted to BCI will be tested. BCI may prioritize the testing of sexual assault kits based on information provided by the submitting agency about the status of its investigation of the crime. Eligible forensic DNA profiles will be uploaded to the CODIS database.

Please submit a consensual partner elimination standard if contact was within 72 hours of the assault. If the standard cannot be obtained or information is unknown, please indicate this within the case submission.

### Sexual Assault Cases with Active Investigation Status

- The first submission is limited to a sexual assault evidence kit plus one pair of underwear (if not already in the kit) and one condom, if applicable.
- If the kit is negative, additional items such as clothing or bedding may be submitted in a separate submission – limited to 5 items per submission.
- If the kit is positive, no additional items will be accepted for biology, unless case circumstances (such as multiple perpetrators) dictate the need for additional processing.
- BCI's goal is to start all cases in a timely manner. However, BCI may prioritize the testing of sexual assault kits:
  - Immediate Priority: Active investigations of unknown perpetrator, violent or serial assaults.
  - High Priority: Active investigations with trial dates or that involve child, elderly, or developmentally disabled victims.
  - Regular Priority: All other kits associated with an active investigation.

### Sexual Assault Cases with Closed/Inactive Investigation Status

- BCI has established a task force to process sexual assault cases for which the investigation is closed or inactive.
- Submission of these cases should be independent of the decision to charge or prosecute a suspect.
- Please indicate clearly on the submission form that the investigation is closed or inactive. If using OHLEG Pre-Log, please select case type **SAK Testing Initiative**.
- Submission is limited to a sexual assault evidence kit plus one pair of underwear (if not already in the kit) and one condom, if applicable.

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