



BCI Trace Evidence Submission Policy

Currently, the BCI Trace Evidence section performs the following types of analysis: Paint, Impression (footwear/tire), Physical Match, Fibers, Tape, Vehicle Lamp, and Glass. To ensure BCI continues to meet the scientific testing needs of its customers, a review of the Trace Evidence submission policy was conducted. As a result, this policy has been updated to better serve the customer in a more timely and effective manner.

Policy changes affect law enforcement agencies submitting evidence to multiple forensic disciplines in the same case or multiple items for Trace Evidence analysis in the same case.

- For cases that include Trace Evidence in addition to Forensic Biology/DNA or Latent Print section evidence, only the Forensic Biology/DNA or Latent Print evidence will initially be examined. If the Forensic Biology/DNA or Latent Print testing results in a probative association between a subject/victim or a subject/victim and a scene, Trace Evidence will not be examined. If however, no probative association is made as a result of the Forensic Biology/DNA or Latent Print section testing, the Trace Evidence can then be submitted for analysis.
- Additionally, if a probative impression or physical match identification is generated as a result of the Trace Evidence examination, no further analysis will be performed on the remaining evidence items submitted for Trace Evidence section analysis.

Based on the circumstances of a case, the possibility of additional Trace Evidence section testing may be warranted. In such cases, the evidence items and testing requested should be discussed with Laboratory Management.