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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

CODIS FOR COLLECTORS CONFERENCE

October 9, 2012

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NJ Forensic Science & Technology Center

1200 Negron Drive

Hamilton, New Jersey

Program Summary

This informative presentation will focus on training for the collection of DNA buccal swab samples under New Jersey's DNA Act. It will consist of viewing a training video and a demonstration of the use of the DNA buccal swab collection kit. The presentation will address who is eligible for providing DNA samples under New Jersey's new Arrestee Law that will take effect on February 1, 2013. It will include the importance of fingerprinting and its relationship to DNA collection and to the Computerized Criminal History (CCH). This presentation will also address how a DNA profile is generated and how a profile is searched in the CODIS system. The success of New Jersey's CODIS program will be highlighted with the number and kinds of "hits" that have occurred at the local, state, and national levels. Please see the attached for detailed descriptions of the various presentations comprising the program.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for law enforcement personnel who will be collecting DNA samples from convicted offenders and qualifying arrestees under the DNA Act. This is a **not** a CLE-eligible program.

Who Is the Faculty?¹

Stacey R Allen is a Forensic Scientist II currently assigned to the CODIS Lab Unit in the DNA Laboratory for the New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Sciences, located in Hamilton Township New Jersey. She has been with the Office of Forensic Sciences for nine years and has been in the DNA Unit for the past seven years. Starting out as a casework scientist, she was then assigned to the CODIS unit where she processes and analyzes the convicted offender samples as well as provides training on how to properly collect CODIS samples at the DNA collection

¹ Please be advised that the faculty may differ slightly due to the individual presenters' availability.

facilities coordinated by the CODIS Compliance Unit. Stacey has a BA in biology from Kenyon College and a Master's of Science in biology from John Carroll University.

Sergeant First Class Andrew Chavez is an 18 year veteran of the New Jersey State Police. He is the Unit Head of the Data Reduction Unit (DRU) and the Records Assembly Unit (RAU) within the State Bureau of Identification (SBI), Identification & Information Technology Section. DRU is responsible for creating, maintaining, and updating all criminal history records contained in the NJ Computerized Criminal History (CCH) System; coordinating the interface of CCH with the Administrative Office of Courts, PROMIS/Gavel, the Family Automated Court Tracking System, and the Department of Corrections Automated Systems; creating, updating, and modifying firearms registrations and applications in the Firearms Licensing System; maintaining the Central Drug Registry for law enforcement employment pursuant to the Attorney General's drug screening guidelines. RAU is responsible for creating and updating the Registered Sex Offenders file according to state statutes; updating the National Sexual Offender Registration Index (NSORI) at the federal level; reviewing and editing information, submitted by county prosecutors, for publication on the New Jersey Sex Offender website; reviewing the "Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) CCH Interface Error Report"; and modifying DNA submissions as needed.

Harry W. Corey, Forensic Scientist 3, is currently the New Jersey CODIS Administrator and has been employed by the New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Sciences for the past 32 years. He has worked in a variety of assignments including Drug analysis, Biochemistry, Trace analysis and DNA analysis. He currently serves as a member of the FBI's National Combined DNA Database procedures Board. He has been involved in CODIS for the last 17 years. Harry has a BSc. in Biology from the Philadelphia University of the Sciences and graduate courses from Rutgers and the University of Virginia.

DAG Janet Flanagan is currently supervisor of the Division of Criminal Justice's CODIS Compliance Unit, wherein she manages the day-to-day operations and supervises all aspects of the Unit, which monitors and enforces compliance with New Jersey's DNA Database and Databank Act. She has successfully briefed and argued the constitutionality of New Jersey's DNA Act before the New Jersey Supreme Court and has drafted DNA Rules and Regulations that became law on December 3, 2007. Prior to her current position, DAG Flanagan was a supervisory appellate attorney representing the State of New Jersey in hundreds of criminal appeals before New Jersey Appellate and Supreme Courts. She briefed and argued the landmark death penalty case, *State v. Robert Marshall*, 123 N.J. 1 (1991), that became New Jersey's first death penalty case to be affirmed by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Christopher K. Huber is currently the CODIS Lab Unit Supervisor for the NJSP Office of Forensic Sciences DNA Laboratory located in Hamilton, New Jersey. He has over twenty-five years of experience as a Forensic Scientist in the laboratory system, and is tasked with supervising a team of scientists analyzing DNA database samples. He has testified in the New Jersey Superior Courts as an expert in drug analysis, biological fluid and stain analysis, and DNA analysis. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists, and New Jersey Association of Forensic Scientists. In 2003,

he served as President of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists.

Maureen Low-Beer is currently the Acting DNA Laboratory Director for the New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Sciences located in Hamilton Township, New Jersey. Maureen has over 28 years of experience as a forensic scientist in the laboratory system and is currently tasked with supervising the daily operations of the DNA Laboratory. She has testified in federal, superior and municipal courts on cases involving the analysis of drugs, toxicology, biological fluids and DNA. Maureen has a BA in chemistry from Douglass College and a Master of Forensic Science degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Kimberly Namura-Benjamin is an Administrative Analyst with the CODIS Compliance Unit in the Division of Criminal Justice. Kim has been with the CODIS Compliance Unit since its inception in 2003. She manages the day to day operations of the Unit and handles issues that arise in the offender collection. She conducts site visits at all the DNA collection facilities throughout the state on DNA collection and provides updates on the CODIS program. Kim is a hands-on problem solver and passionate advocate for the CODIS program.

Lieutenant Ron Rivera is a 24 year veteran with the New Jersey State Police. He is the Assistant Bureau Chief of the State Bureau of Identification (SBI), which is comprised of nine (9) units. These units administer a wide variety of Criminal History Record Information activities including the NJ Sex Offender Registry (NJSOR); the Central Drug Registry (CDR) which identifies law enforcement officers convicted of drug offenses; storing criminal and non-criminal fingerprints; identifying individuals through fingerprint and latent fingerprint recognition; storing “mugshot” photographs in a statewide repository; National Instant Background Checks, which vet all firearms purchases; creating, maintaining, expunging criminal history records; and the Criminal Justice Information System.

How Do I Register?

Registration for this program should be through your department’s or agency’s coordinator, to whom notice of this program has been provided. Please do not attempt to register directly with the Attorney General’s Advocacy Institute for this program.

AGENDA

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. **Registration**

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **DNA Act/ New Arrestee Law**
(DAG Janet Flanagan)

***Topic Overview:** The presentation will address the legal requirements for collecting a DNA sample under New Jersey's DNA Database and Databank Act and the relevant statutory provisions of the Act. Also, it will address the statutory change in the Act that recently took place that will require DNA samples upon arrest for certain violent crimes – effective on February 1, 2013. It will also discuss legal decisions concerning challenges to DNA arrestee database statutes.*

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **DNA Collection Process/Demonstration**
(Kim Benjamin/CODIS Staff)

***Topic Overview:** This presentation will detail the 13 step process in DNA collection and provide an actual demonstration of the collection process. The presenter will provide instruction on accessing the DNA flag on the Computerized Criminal History, accessing the CODIS Portal, and accessing the DNA Arrestee Buccal Swab Training on NJ Learn. A presentation from the training program on NJ Learn will be shown.*

10:30 -10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. **Importance of Fingerprints: Use of Live Scan**
(Lt. Ron Rivera/Sgt. Andy Chavez, State Police)

***Topic Overview:** Emphasize the importance of fingerprinting individuals upon arrests. Overview of Fingerprinting statutes. Correlation between fingerprints and DNA. In addition, an overview of the Sex Offender Registration Notification Act (SORNA) – Meghan's Law and the pending legislation presently in the NJ Legislature.*

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. **Generating a DNA Profile from the Collected Sample**
(Chris Huber, Forensic Scientist 3)

11:45 - 12:15 p.m. **CODIS Hits from the State of New Jersey**
(Harry Corey, CODIS Manager/Maureen Low-Beer Acting DNA Laboratory Director)

Optional tour of DNA Lab following conference

