

**Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation – Criminalistics Services Division  
(OSBI CSD)  
Service Limitations**

The following summarizes types of cases which cannot or typically will not be routinely accepted for analysis or which will only be accepted once certain requirements are met.

**Case Requests Not Accepted:**

The following types of requests will not be accepted because the OSBI does not have the capability to perform these types of analyses.

1. Animal DNA analysis
2. Plant DNA analysis
3. No suspect DNA cases which do not meet eligibility requirements for CODIS (will be determined by Biologist at submittal)
4. Identification of synthetic or adulterated urine
5. Bite mark analysis (swabs of bite marks can be submitted for DNA)
6. Quantitation of controlled substances
7. Ejection pattern analysis of fired cartridge casings or shotshells

The following case types are typically not accepted or will only be accepted under the circumstances described. In rare circumstances, exceptions to this policy may be needed. Unless otherwise noted, requests for exceptions must be submitted to and approved by a Criminalistics Administrator or the CSD Director. Requests for exceptions to the case acceptance policy made on behalf of another agency (e.g. a District Attorney's office, etc) must be accompanied by a written request from that agency on their agency letter head.

**Case Requests Typically Not Accepted:**

1. DNA analysis on controlled substance evidence
2. Sexual assault cases where the suspect has admitted to intercourse
3. Felon in possession of a firearm cases for latent evidence or DNA analysis
4. Animal poisoning cases
5. Touch DNA analysis when the item is known to have been handled without gloves during or after collection
6. Contact DNA analysis on airbags
7. Requests for fingerprint confirmation of defendant identity (e.g. repeat of Interstate Identification Index)
8. Spores for drug analysis (mushrooms)

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**Case Requests With Special Requirements:**

**Forensic Biology**

1. DNA analysis for property crime cases will be limited to 3 items. Items selected will be limited to cigarette butts, bloodstains, or other items that are believed to have biological fluid (blood, semen, saliva) from the alleged perpetrator. This would include items from which it is believed that the suspect ate or drank. Items that the alleged perpetrator is believed to have had prolonged contact with such as clothing or hats recovered from the scene may also be submitted.
2. Cold cases will be accepted for analysis on a case by case basis. Please contact the Specialized Forensic Biology Unit (SFBU) located at the Forensic Science Center in Edmond prior to submitting Cold Case evidence.
3. Touch DNA analysis will only be performed on evidence that would likely contain DNA resulting from the transfer of epithelial cells from the skin to an object due to extended contact. Examples of extended contact DNA evidence include some clothing, cigarette butts, items drank from, etc. DNA analysis will not be conducted on items with only brief contact which are not likely to contain sufficient transfer of epithelial cells from the skin to the object. Examples of brief contact items include door handles, counter tops, etc.
4. DNA analysis from vehicle interiors (e.g. airbag, seats, visor, etc) in serious injury or fatality accidents will be limited to bloodstains recovered from the interior of the vehicle, when the driver has fled the scene. Due to the vast number of unknown directional forces during vehicle accidents, in all other cases, DNA analysis will not be performed without an approved exception.
5. All requests for DNA analysis must be accompanied by an officer statement and/or police report that includes detailed information about the evidence collected (e.g. location recovered from, who the item belonged to, etc). This information is critical for ensuring DNA profiles obtained are eligible for CODIS entry.
6. All DNA requests must be submitted with known reference samples. This must include samples from the victim(s), suspect (if applicable), and exclusionary samples as needed (e.g. consensual partner, property owner, etc).

**Evidence Kits**

Evidence collection kits will not be accepted outside the generally accepted collection time window unless exigent circumstances exist. For sexual assault kits collected from living victims the window would be 5 days.

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**Latent Evidence**

Digital images of latent prints or impression evidence must be submitted on physical media (CD, DVD, etc) and are not accepted by e-mail. Each disc must include only the images which require examination/analysis. General crime scene photos (e.g. showing location of scene, body, or other evidence items) should not be included on the disc. However, some crime scene photos which provide context for an image which will be analyzed may be included. For example, a photo of a door bearing a footwear impression may be included when that impression is one of the images submitted for analysis. In addition, each disc should be accompanied by a photo log which identifies the file name and a description of the image. The description should include an explanation of the item and/or location from which the print/impression was collected.

**Firearms and Toolmarks**

Requests for firearms distance determination will not be accepted unless the firearm, ammunition involved in the crime, and the item bearing the pattern (photos are not accepted) are ALL submitted together. Distance determination cannot be conducted on clothing that does not have bullet holes.

Toolmark cases will only be analyzed when a suspect tool is submitted. Comparisons between two unknown toolmarks will not be conducted.