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**DNA CASEWORK DEPARTMENT  
DIRECT-TO-DNA APPROACH TO CASE ANALYSIS**

Effective October 12, 2020, the SLED DNA Casework Department will be modifying the approach to case analysis. The “Direct-to-DNA” approach focuses on the enhanced sensitivity of modern DNA typing kits and utilizes DNA extraction and quantitation to determine which samples have the most DNA present and are most likely to yield a DNA profile. This preserves samples and maximizes the chances of obtaining profiles suitable for comparison and CODIS entry. Direct-to-DNA is recommended by NIJ (National Institute of Justice) and SWGDAM (Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods) and will primarily apply to sexual assault cases.

With appropriate justification and adequate evidentiary sample, routine serological body fluid identification will still be available upon request.