

Considerations for States Implementing Rapid DNA in Law Enforcement Booking Agencies

Authority:

- The applicable Federal/State DNA sample collection and databasing law(s) and regulation(s) should be reviewed to determine the feasibility of implementing Rapid DNA in the law enforcement booking environment for arrestee collections. The Federal/State law must authorize DNA sample collection from a person arrested for a specified offense at the time of arrest and, for which there are no additional requirements (i.e., determination of probable cause) for the analysis of that arrestee DNA sample.

State and Local Agency Coordination:

- The State CODIS Agency must take the leadership role for implementation of a Rapid DNA Program within the State.
- Formation of a Booking Station Rapid DNA task force with all relevant stakeholders is recommended at the earliest stage to assist in the evaluation of the usefulness and feasibility of Rapid DNA implementation in your State. Stakeholders should include the State CODIS Agency, the State Identification Bureau (SIB)/CJIS Systems Agency (CSA), interested local law enforcement booking agencies, state and local network IT specialists, and relevant state and local legal authorities.
- Stakeholders must understand the commitment, cooperation and resources (see below) necessary for Rapid DNA implementation and maintain continual communication and coordination for successful implementation of Rapid DNA in the law enforcement booking environment. For example, the integration of networks and automated fingerprint processing systems require IT involvement at the earliest stages.

FBI Requirements:

- A State CODIS Agency must receive an Authority to Operate (ATO) for arrestee Rapid DNA sample collection from the FBI before implementing Rapid DNA in law enforcement booking agencies. The State CODIS Agency must demonstrate compliance with the ATO requirements listed in the [National Rapid DNA Booking Agency Operational Procedures Manual](#).

Resources:

- Identify funding sources for the purchase of Rapid DNA Systems, reagents, maintenance agreements, personnel, and future expansion of the Rapid DNA Program in the State.
- Implementation of a statewide Rapid DNA Program will require additional State CODIS Agency staff dedicated to Rapid DNA. The CODIS State Agency will be responsible for developing and implementing:
 - Memorandum of Understanding with Booking Agency(ies)
 - State-specific policies for arrestee Rapid DNA
 - State-specific procedures for arrestee Rapid DNA
 - State-specific training program for arrestee Rapid DNA Lead Operators and Rapid DNA Operators
 - State-specific audit program to ensure booking agency compliance with [Standards for the Operation of Rapid DNA Systems by Law Enforcement Booking Agencies](#).
- Initial implementation of a Rapid DNA Program requires a significant investment of time, personnel and resources of multiple agencies including the State CODIS Agency, the State Identification Bureau (SIB)/CJIS Systems Agency (CSA), local law enforcement booking agencies, and state and local network IT specialists.
- Continued implementation of a Rapid DNA Program will result in additional duties and responsibilities that require a long-term commitment of personnel and resources for both the State CODIS Agency and the law enforcement booking agency.

For more information, please visit www.fbi.gov/rapiddna.