# DNA Evidence Submission/CODIS Eligibility Questionnaire

These questions are to assist the laboratory in determining if a DNA profile developed in a case is eligible for CODIS. A DNA profile becomes CODIS eligible when it is obtained from biological material collected from a crime scene and is attributable to a presumed perpetrator. If this form is not complete, it may result in a delay in CODIS entry.

**For All Cases**

1. Please give a brief description of the alleged events that occurred.
2. How is the item(s) for DNA testing associated with the crime scene, victim or suspect? (Explain the relationship of the evidence to this case for items that may seem unusual at first glance.)
3. Why is a DNA profile from the evidence significant in the incident/charge?

**Sexual Assault**

1. What type of contact allegedly occurred (oral, vaginal, anal penetration, with or without ejaculation, penis, finger, mouth)?
2. Did the victim have a consensual partner at the time of the incident/charge?
3. Did the victim have sexual relations less than 120 hours (5 days) prior to the incident or anytime after the incident? If this answer is yes, an elimination standard from the consensual partner is needed to eliminate that person from any DNA profiles detected. Only foreign DNA profiles may be uploaded into CODIS (i.e. targeting those DNA types not attributable to the victim or consensual partner).
4. Did the victim and suspect know one another? What is their relationship? Did they live together?
5. If bedding or clothing is submitted, where were these items recovered from?

**Property Crime & Others (Burglary, Robbery, FIP, Drugs)**

1. Does the item being submitted belong to the resident(s) and/or owner(s) of the property? Did they handle it? If yes, a buccal swab standard from the resident(s) and/or owner(s) of the property will be needed/requested for elimination purposes prior to entry of any profiles into CODIS.
2. Can the resident(s) and/or owner(s) of the property be eliminated as the source of the item? (For example, a cigarette butt from a home where no one smokes. A hat that the homeowner denies owning.)
3. For possession-related crimes, where was the item(s) recovered from? Was the item recovered directly from the suspect’s person or possessions? Please be specific.
4. For controlled substance cases, will the DA charge *anyone identified* on the drug packaging or paraphernalia if the suspect(s) were not identified on the item(s)?