



# Interpreting CODIS Results



## Offender (Suspect) CODIS hit:

*Perpetrator DNA in a case hits to the DNA profile of a convicted offender or arrestee, identity is known*

## Forensic (Case-to-case) CODIS hit:

*Perpetrator DNA in one case hits to perpetrator DNA in another case, identity may be unknown, agencies should communicate to compare suspect details*

## DNA positive CODIS eligible:

*Perpetrator DNA entered into CODIS with no hits to any DNA at that time*

## DNA positive, CODIS ineligible:

*CODIS eligibility requirements not met, e.g., weak DNA results*

## Serology Screening:

*No biological material detected, e.g., semen or blood not detected on evidence*

## DNA negative cases:

*DNA testing failed to yield DNA results*

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