

## BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

### National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

## FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGY DATA COLLECTION

Grantees utilizing SAKI funds for the use of forensic genetic genealogy must adhere to the United States Department of Justice Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching (<https://www.justice.gov/olp/page/file/1204386/download>). In accordance with Section IX, SAKI grantees must collect and retain the following data.

Use the table in the attached Excel document as a template to collect and retain data.

**Below is a description of data to collect and retain for each case where BJA SAKI funding is used to conduct FGG / FGGS<sup>1</sup>.**

1. **Case #:** A unique identifier for the case. (You can use the case numbering convention from your internal systems or simply 1, 2, 3, etc.)
2. **Month/Year:** When federal funding first used for FGG/FGGS on this case. (MM/YYYY)
3. **Federal \$ Amount Used:** Amount of federal funding used to conduct FGG / FGGS for each specific case (investigation). (Enter a numeric dollar amount.)
4. **Vendor Lab for FGG:** The name of the vendor laboratory used to conduct FGG for the investigation.

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<sup>1</sup> The DOJ Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching provides these definitions: The term ‘forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and searching,’ or ‘FGGS,’ means the forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis of a forensic or reference sample of biological material by a vendor laboratory to develop an FGG (forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis) profile and the subsequent search of that profile in a publicly-available open- data personal genomics database or a direct-to-consumer genetic genealogy service.”

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5. **Forensic or Reference Sample:** The sample type on which FGG was conducted (e.g. “Forensic” or “Reference”)

*Note: The DOJ Interim Policy Forensic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching provides these definitions: A ‘forensic sample’ is biological material reasonably believed by investigators to have been deposited by a putative perpetrator and that was collected from a crime scene, a person, an item, or a location connected to the criminal event. For purposes of this interim policy, the term ‘forensic sample’ also includes the unidentified human remains of a suspected homicide victim. A ‘reference sample’ is biological material from a known source.*

6. **Forensic Sample Description:** For any forensic sample subjected to FGG, please provide a description using the following fields:
- A. **Type of Forensic Sample** (e.g. single source, mixed profile, differential extraction, degradation status, etc.)
  - B. **Total Amount**
  - C. **Condition of Sample**
  - D. **Concentration**
7. **Crime type:** Please mark “X” in the appropriate column for each of the following crime types investigated in the case:
- A. **Homicide**
  - B. **Sexual offense**
  - C. **Unidentified human remains**
  - D. **Other**
  - E. **If other, please explain**
8. **Searchable Profile Obtained?** Please indicate “Yes” if searchable profile(s) were obtained from FGG.
9. **Name of genetic genealogy service:** The name of the genetic genealogy service used to search the FGG profile.
10. **Resulted in Arrest(s)?** Please indicate “Yes” if the investigation resulted in an arrest(s) that was based, in part, on the use of FGG / FGGS.