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Interim Plan for the Release of Information In the Event of a "Partial Match" at NDIS

Although an exceptional event, the CODIS Unit is aware that there may be certain circumstances when NDIS Participating Laboratories encounter a candidate match that could be classified as a "partial match."

For purposes of this Bulletin and Interim Plan, a "partial match" is a moderate stringency candidate match between two single source profiles having at each locus at least one allele in common. A "partial match" is a match of two profiles that cannot be confirmed. A "partial match" is **not** an exact match of two profiles customarily used to infer the identity of the perpetrator. A potential familial relationship may exist between the offender and the putative perpetrator.

For candidate matches occurring at the national level, current NDIS Procedures prohibit the release of the offender's personally identifiable information under these circumstances ["partial match"]. For situations in which there is no other available investigative information, the FBI Laboratory has instituted an Interim Plan that may permit the release of the offender's identifying information.

The Interim Plan for the release of information to an NDIS Participating Laboratory is as follows:

1. With the documented concurrence of the prosecutor, the Casework Laboratory that identifies a "partial match" shall provide the NDIS Custodian with a written request for the release of the offender's identifying information. Such written request should include the statistical analysis used to conclude that there may be a potential familial relationship between the suspected perpetrator and the offender.
2. Each request will be reviewed by the FBI's Office of the General Counsel and the NDIS Custodian for approval.