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**To:** All Idaho, County Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, and Evidence Custodians

**From:** Matthew Gamette, ISP Forensic Services Laboratory System Director

**Subject:** UPDATE--ISP Forensic Services Return of Retained Impression Evidence

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**This is an update to a letter distributed on June 20, 2014. Please be advised that ISPFSS is not doing an updated Automated Biometric Information System (ABIS) search on any of these impressions/latent prints before they are being returned to the original submitting agency. This search may be useful on some unsolved cases. The ABIS technology has been updated several times in the last few years, and if ABIS searching using a newer technology is requested, please contact the laboratory.**

**Effective July 1, 2014 ISPFSS began returning previously retained impression evidence to the case law enforcement agency of record.** Starting in 2012, Idaho State Police Forensic Services (ISPFSS) began returning all impression evidence to the submitting agency after analysis. Prior to 2012, ISPFSS retained latent lift cards and fingerprint cards that were generated during case processing. These items were retained for the convenience of laboratory staff when further latent comparisons might be requested. Many of these items have exceeded ISPFSS case retention policy or statute of limitation. ISPFSS will no longer be retaining these items. These items will be returned to your agency for storage or destruction. Each agency must determine the proper disposition of the returned evidence per agency policy or state law.

ISPFSS strives to provide the best possible service to its customers, if there are any questions about returned items of evidence please contact Meridian Laboratory Manager Rylene Nowlin at (208) 884-7148 or [rylene.nowlin@isp.idaho.gov](mailto:rylene.nowlin@isp.idaho.gov)