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To: All Idaho Evidence Custodians, County Sheriffs, Police Chiefs
From: Matthew Gamette, ISPFS Laboratory System Director 
Subject: ISP ABIS /AFIS SUBMISSION CHANGES
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As referenced in a June 9, 2015 letter from BCI Manager Dawn Peck, beginning June 12, 2015 all latent prints intended for ABIS submission should be submitted directly to ISP Forensics Services (ISPFS) as evidence. This change was necessary due to the retirement of longtime BCI Latent Fingerprint Technician, Maria Eguren. All evidence packaging requirements must be met, and all photographs intended for ABIS submission must contain measurement scales. Evidence is required to be prelogged through the ISP Forensic Services Prelog System. If you are not familiar with this system or need assistance with it, please contact karen.stringer@isp.idaho.gov or 208-884-7219. The previously required ABIS form will no longer be utilized, but an agency case report will need to accompany all ABIS submissions.

It is ISPFS policy to compare all ABIS eligible prints to all available Suspect/Victim/Subject prints prior to entering them into the ABIS computer system. In order to do this, please ensure that the NAMES, DOBs, and State Identification Numbers (SID) for all persons associated with the case are entered during evidence prelog. The reason for requiring this information is two-fold:

- It cuts down on the time intensive process of searching prints in ABIS
- It lessens the likelihood that ABIS will return a name already known to be associated with the case, making ABIS a much more effective searching tool that lends new leads to your investigation.

For those agencies that employ their own latent print examiners, we are requesting that your examiners complete all comparisons to known Suspect/Victim/Subject prints prior to ABIS submission. Examiners are welcome to submit all latents in the case or just those they want considered for ABIS. ISPFS will only release unverified ABIS "hit" results to those agencies that use IAI Certified Latent Print Examiners (CLPE's) for this purpose. All other "hit" results will be returned to agencies at the conclusion of the comparison portion of the examination.

If you have any questions or concerns about the ISPFS policy regarding latent print submission to ABIS, please contact Latent Print Supervisor Tina Walthall at tina.walthall@isp.idaho.gov or 208-884-7146

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