

DNA Index of Special Concern

The DNA Index of Special Concern (DISC) is a virtual index in CODIS consisting of a subset of Forensic Unknown profiles meeting specific criteria (listed below) that allow for searches against rapidly enrolled arrestee profiles. The purpose of the DISC is to assist in connecting serious crimes with persons who are currently or were very recently in police custody. If a search of the DISC index results in a match (high stringency only) a hit message called an Unsolicited DNA Notification (UDN) is automatically sent by the CODIS software to the investigating agency that submitted the evidence to a CODIS participating laboratory, the arresting agency who uploaded the arrestee, and to the laboratory that generated the forensic profile.

Forensic profiles are eligible for DISC-enabling if they meet the following criteria:

Serious public safety case type of Sexual Assault, Homicide, Kidnapping, or Terrorism in which timely action by the investigative agency results upon receipt of an UDN after a search of the DISC

Probative single source profiles with complete results at the original CODIS core 13 loci

Source ID = No (case is unsolved)

Profile category of Forensic Unknown

The profile has been searched at SDIS and NDIS at least once

The profile has complete metadata fields

submit the completed metadata form. Upon receipt of the completed form and metadata into CODIS the specimen will be DISC enabled.

Forensic Unknown specimens that are DISC enabled are subject to annual re-certification by the CODIS participating laboratory. The investigating agency will be contacted to verify that the laboratory is still active and that the profile continues to meet the eligibility criteria for DISC enrollment.

