

LATENT EVIDENCE POLICY/PROCEDURE 02-LES-01

TO: All Latent Evidence Staff

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SUBJECT: Elimination Prints

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For all property crime cases involving an individual:

When only latent lifts are submitted and a search on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is requested, the submitting agency should include elimination prints. The analyst receiving the case should review the submission form (SBI -5) when received to determine if elimination prints are included. If applicable, open the evidence package, evaluate any latent prints, and complete a report requesting elimination prints.

If a suspect(s) or other subjects are submitted or noted on the submission form, applicable comparisons should be conducted; however, an AFIS search should not be conducted and the evidence should be returned to the submitting agency. A completed report should reflect any identifiable latent prints and advise the officer that elimination prints were not submitted. The following is an example of acceptable report phraseology:

The two (2) identifiable latent fingerprints are of sufficient value for entry into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS); however, due to the unavailability of the **(victim's, primary resident's, primary employees and/or property owner's)** known inked impressions, and in accordance with our operating procedures, the identifiable latent fingerprints were not entered into the AFIS.

For all property crime cases involving a business:

The determination of requiring elimination prints from businesses should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, with consideration being given to the number of employees and the logistics of obtaining these prints. Contact the Special Agent in Charge or designated in charge with any questions related to this process.

