

Certification as to Privacy Protections for Biological Family Reference Samples

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

Missing and Unidentified Human Remains (MUHR) Program

On behalf of the Award Recipient Agency named below, I certify to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice that:

1. Any suspected biological family DNA reference samples received from citizens of the U.S. or foreign nationals and uploaded into the Combined DNA Index System (commonly referred to as CODIS) by an accredited, publicly funded CODIS forensic laboratory will be used only for identifying missing persons and unidentified remains and
2. Any biological family DNA reference samples from citizens of the U.S. or foreign nationals entered into CODIS for purposes of identifying missing persons and unidentified remains will not be disclosed to a federal or state law enforcement agency for law enforcement purposes.

Furthermore, I submit that the DOJ Interim Policy on FGGS and MUHR program requirements will be followed in the investigation of any UHR case involving FGG for which MUHR funding is used and that the Principal Investigator, Prosecutor, Medical Examiner/Coroner and/or lead Investigator (and any other parties involved with the use of FGG associated with cases in the project) have been informed of the DOJ Interim Policy on FGGS and the content within this certification.

I hereby certify that the requirements set forth herein will be satisfied by the Award Recipient Agency and each entity that receives any funding under this award, regardless of the amount received. I further certify that I have the necessary authority to act on behalf of the Award Recipient Agency with respect to the representations contained herein.

Signature of Certifying Official

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Title of Certifying Official

Agency

Date