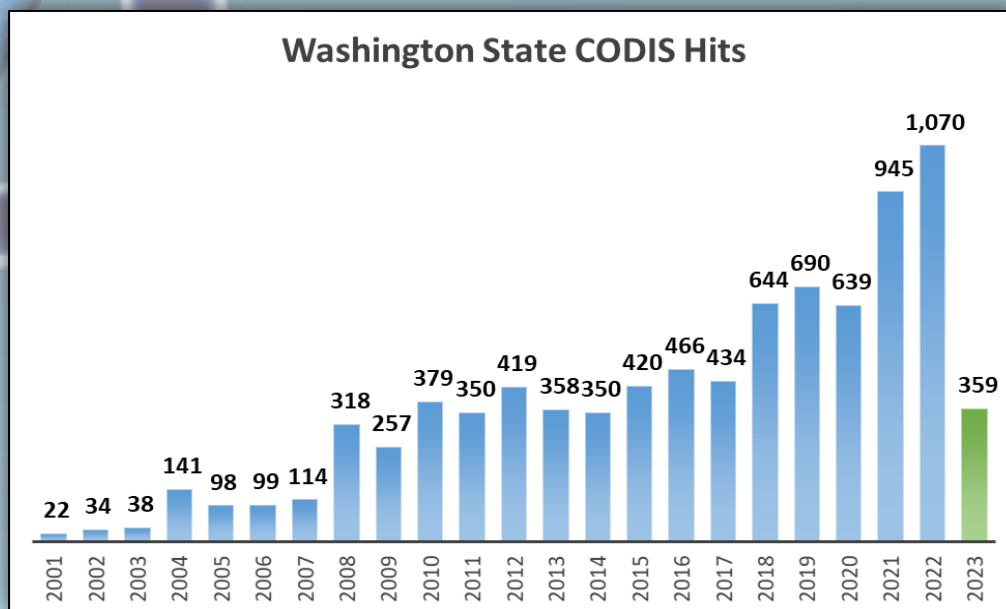


# CODIS Newsletter



## CODIS Hits at a Glance



CODIS Hits as of March 30, 2023

There were a record number of CODIS hits in 2022. This would not be possible without the help of the many Washington State Agencies that collect and submit DNA to our laboratory. We appreciate the willingness to collect DNA from convicted offenders.

### Note on Sending Samples

It is important to send the DNA submission cards promptly after collection. Please do not wait weeks and or months to send a sample.

### Training Opportunities

The CODIS Laboratory offers training for sample collection that can be done in-person, via Zoom, or Microsoft Teams. For more information, please send an inquiry to the email below.

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## Qualifying Offenses

Assault 4 and Violation of No Contact/Protection/Restraining Order are the two most common gross misdemeanors that are incorrectly submitted to CODIS and do not qualify for DNA collection unless the following applies:

- ♦ Assault 4 only qualifies if domestic violence was pled and proven or if there was sexual motivation.
- ♦ Violation of a No Contact/Protection/Restraining Order must be a felony offense to be eligible.
- ♦ If either of these applies, be sure to note that on the submission card.

DNA can be collected for the following offenses outlined in RCW 43.43.754. Offenders must have been convicted in the State of Washington (Sex and Kidnapping Offender Registrations are the exception).

- ♦ All Felonies
- ♦ The following Gross Misdemeanors:
  - Assault 4 Domestic Violence
  - Assault 4 with Sexual Motivation
  - Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes
  - Custodial Sexual Misconduct 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
  - Failure to Register
  - Harassment
  - Patronizing a Prostitute
  - Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
  - Stalking
  - Violation of a Sexual Assault Protection Order
  - Indecent Exposure

## Cheat Sheet

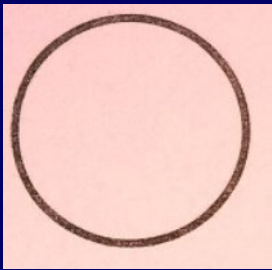
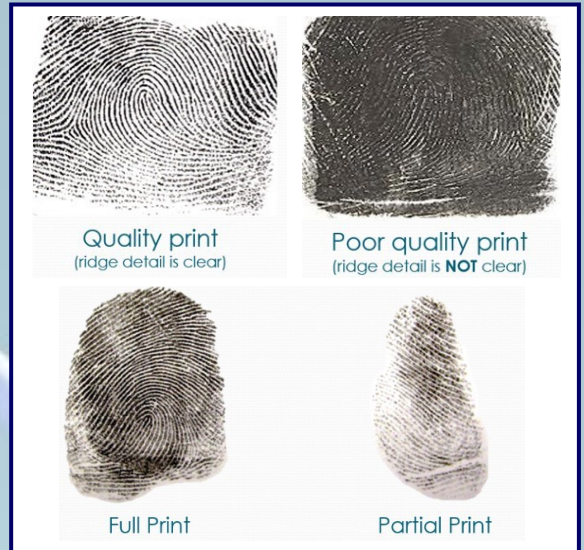
## FYI

DNA samples may be collected for deceased offenders and submitted to the CODIS Laboratory so long as the sample is lawfully obtained and they were convicted of a qualifying offense pursuant to RCW 43.43.754.

# Collection Tips

## Fingerprints:

- ♦ When collecting the individual's thumbprints, make sure they are legible with clear ridge detail. Too much ink can cause the print to be distorted and too little ink makes it hard to see the ridge detail for comparison.
- ♦ We ask that you provide a full print as opposed to a partial print which can lead to inconclusive results.
- ♦ If a mistake is made during print collection, Printover Tabs are acceptable for re-collection.



Weak sample with no visible color change



Bad sample with paper rips that can cause contamination



Good sample with clear color change and no lifted paper

## DNA Collection:

Be sure to rock the foam swab on the pink FTA paper so it produces a clear color change to white. If there is only a slight color change, there may not be enough sample to test leading to a request for re-collection. By rubbing the foam swab, the FTA paper can be destroyed and compromise the DNA sample.



# Collection Tips

COLLECTION DATE  
01-01-09

I certify that I collected the swabs and fingerprints from the individual listed on this card.

Evergreen Correctional Center  
COLLECTING AGENCY

Lester Sackville  
COLLECTOR'S NAME (PRINTED)

Lester Sackville  
COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

CRIME LAB USE ONLY

- ♦ Print your first and last name legibly on the collection card as well as the name of your agency. We receive samples from many different agencies and using acronyms can require more time when processing.
- ♦ If sending samples from a DOC, please be sure to include the specific field office.
- ♦ Improperly filling out the DNA submission card requires extra time to be spent looking for the missing information before a sample can be processed.

Fill out the offender's information completely including:

- ♦ Full name & DOB
- ♦ Qualifying offense with degree if applicable
- ♦ Washington State ID number

If an offender does not have a WA State ID number provide one of the following alternate ID's:

- ♦ FBI #
- ♦ DOC #
- ♦ SSN
- ♦ Local ID
- ♦ Juvenile #

SID# WA0000000000 PLEASE PRINT

FIRST NAME John MIDDLE INITIAL

LAST NAME Smith

DATE OF BIRTH 01-15-68 GENDER M ☒ F ☐

OFFENSE (WITH DEGREE, IF APPLICABLE)  
Assault 4 DV

SEE REVERSE →

# CODIS Success Story



Gary Ault in the Spokane County Jail

On December 26th, 2022, 82 year old Richard Purdy was stabbed approximately 28 times and beaten to death in his home. Earlier that same evening, an elderly couple reported a man had walked through their house to confront them and asked if there were guns in the home. Investigators believed it was the same individual in both instances and were concerned that there was a risk to public safety. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office submitted a knife found at the murder scene to the Spokane Crime Laboratory and was subsequently swabbed by a forensic scientist. The generated DNA profile matched that of 37 year old Gary Ault, a convicted felon whose DNA sample had been submitted to the CODIS Laboratory in 2014 for second degree possession of stolen property. Luckily for investigators, Gary Ault had been arrested on December 27th and taken to Spokane County Jail for assaulting several other people in the area. Ault is currently facing charges for first degree murder and first degree burglary in addition to three counts of assault.