

Missing Persons DNA & Database Data Entry Flowchart: Who does what and when?



DNA is constantly compared in CODIS as new records are entered.

Multiple DNA samples = more searches.



Missing Person reported to law enforcement. LE Case # assigned.



Law enforcement enters case information into NCIC/TCIC within first 2 hours.



LE enters record into NamUs within 30 days for juveniles and within 60 days for adults. Families can enter immediately. If entered by family, NamUs makes public with investigator's approval.



Familial DNA Swab completed by law enforcement or medical examiner (*2 familial DNA samples needed*). Family members have the opportunity to submit DNA within 30 days.



DNA submitted to University of North Texas (UNT) DNA Lab. UNT submits to CODIS.

Definitions List:

CODIS = Combined DNA Index System

LE = Law Enforcement

NamUs = National Missing and Unidentified Persons System

NCIC/TCIC = National Crime Information Center/Texas Crime Information Center