

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
ADMINISTRATIVE CODECHAPTER 370-2-1
SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR DNA DATABASE

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370-2-1-.01 Blood Collection Procedures.

(1) A blood specimen will be drawn by a trained phlebotomist using medically-approved procedures as set forth in Procedures for the Collection of Diagnostic Blood Specimens by Venipuncture, Vol. II, No. 10, approved standard July 1991, NCCLS Document H3-A3, ISBN 1-56238-108-3, ISSN 0237-3099 and/or NCCLS Physician's Office Laboratory Procedure Manual, Vol. 12, No. 7, June 1992.

(a) Blood specimens will be drawn from inmates convicted of a felony offense during routine health screening on intake at an Alabama Department of Corrections facility or at the time of pre-release processing or at any time in accordance with the provisions of §36-18-20 et seq.

(b) Blood or buccal specimens will be collected from persons not in custody who have been convicted of felony offenses or other offenses specified in Section 36-18-20 et seq. at a time and place scheduled by the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences or at any time as directed in an order of the court or to carry out the provisions of §36-18-20 et seq.

(c) The donor's identify will be verified by the collecting official by observation of an identification card with the donor's photograph affixed thereon or other appropriate means.

(d) An inked impression of the left and right thumbprint of the donor will be placed on the certification card.

(e) The collection of the blood or buccal specimen will be witnessed.

Author:

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370-2-1-.02 Custody And Transmittal Of DNA Specimens.

(1) Blood and buccal specimens collected from inmates will be secured by an Alabama Department of Corrections official until transmitted to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences.

(2) Blood or buccal specimens collected from persons not in custody and who have been convicted of felony offenses or other offenses specified in §36-18-20 et seq. will be secured by an authorized law enforcement or other designated official until transmitted to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences.

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370-2-1-.03 Testing Of DNA Specimens.

(1) DNA specimens will be tested according to the CODIS Standards for Acceptance of DNA Data as published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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370-2-1-.04 Buccal Cell Collection Procedures (Oral Swabs).

(1) The DNA specimen may consist of buccal cells collected by orally swabbing inside the donor's mouth using the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences DNA Database Swab Collection Kit and following the instructions set forth in the collection kit.

(2) The DNA Database Swab Collection Kit may be administered by any law enforcement or other designated official.

(3) The donor's identity will be verified by the collecting official by observation of an identification card with the donor's photograph affixed thereon or other appropriate means.

(4) The collection of the buccal specimen will be witnessed.

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