



# Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory

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## Authorization for Consumption of DNA Evidence

Some types of evidence may be consumed during DNA analysis. DNA Analysts at the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory make every effort to preserve at least half of the evidence or DNA extract from evidence submitted for analysis. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory requires that the submitting agency provide authorization to consume the evidence when preservation is not possible. This form will be considered authorization for consumption on this entire case (including future requests submitted), unless specific notification is given to indicate otherwise.

- DNA testing will not proceed until this authorization form is completed and returned to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory.
- When authorization for consumption is requested, please submit this form within 14 calendar days from the date of the request.
- If the requested permission is not provided within the 14-day period, the request(s) may be cancelled.

Minnesota rules of evidence require notification to the prosecution when testing will destroy or consume physical evidence. It is the responsibility of the submitting agency to determine their authority to authorize such consumption. Consultation with and/or authorization from your Prosecuting Attorney's Office may be required.

### AUTHORIZING AGENCY:

I authorize Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory to consume the evidence in this case if it is determined to be necessary.

**All fields below must be completed for submission.**

SUBMITTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	AGENCY CASE NUMBER
PRINTED NAME	HCSO FSL CASE NUMBER
E-MAIL	TELEPHONE NUMBER
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE	DATE

Note: When applicable, the prosecuting attorney may provide a copy of the letter that was given to the defense counsel detailing the defense counsel's right to have a qualified expert present at the time of testing.