



HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME LABORATORY

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Notice of Declined Evidence

Analysis of the following items has been declined by the section(s) requested on the RFLE. Reasons for the rejection can be found below. The submitted RFLE has been adjusted to reflect this change.

Please contact the respective section(s) supervisor within **14 days** of the date below if you would like to request an exception.

PLEASE NOTE: Evidence that is requested to be processed/analyzed by multiple sections must be completed in a particular order so the evidence is not compromised. If evidence has already been compromised, it will not be examined.

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Agency Name:	Agency Case #:	Lab Case #:
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Lab Item #	Agency Item #	Reason Item(s) Declined*	Lab Item #	Agency Item #	Reason Item(s) Declined*

* See detailed explanations below for declined item(s)

DNA:

- Submitted Item(s) for criminal possession:** A limited number of firearms and magazines (up to 3 each) will be examined in cases of illegal possession of a firearm or firearms recovered from narcotics investigations. Priority will be given to firearms eligible for inclusion in NIBIN. All other non-firearm items associated with an illegal possession case will not be tested (e.g. ammunition, gun cases, clothing, drug packaging and drug paraphernalia).
- Submitted item(s) is unlikely to produce interpretable DNA results:** Previous research and experience has shown that many items that are only briefly touched or have repeated exposure to the public are unlikely to yield interpretable DNA profiles. Examples include: currency, public door handles/push bars, drawer pulls, dust disturbances, etc.
- Item(s) has been previously examined:** Previous forensic examination may have compromised the evidence through removal of DNA or through introduction of contaminating DNA.
- Item(s) is a reference sample** (Buccal swab) and there is no evidence for comparison: federal law does not allow reference samples to be included in the CODIS DNA Database.

Firearms and Toolmarks:

- Black powder guns:** Black powder guns are not suitable for entry into NIBIN. A comparison exam can be conducted on the black powder gun and bullet(s) if they are both recovered from and used in a crime.
- Full length sporting/hunting rifles, shotguns, and manually operated firearms:** These firearms are not suitable for entry into NIBIN. Comparison examinations can be conducted on these items if they are recovered with discharged cartridge cases and/or bullets recovered from the crime scene.
- Pellet and Air guns:** Pellet and air guns are not suitable for NIBIN entry. A comparison exam can be conducted on the pellet/air gun and projectile(s) if they are both recovered from and used in a crime.
- Replica guns and BB guns:** Replica guns and BB guns are typically not suitable for comparative exams.
- Cartridge cases:** Hennepin County Sheriff's Office no longer has access to the NIBIN system. If no comparison exams are required, cartridge cases should be submitted directly to the BCA for NIBIN entry.
- Unfired cartridges:** Unfired cartridges are typically are not examined and are not suitable for NIBIN entry because they lack the features caused by the weapon's firing mechanism.
- Tools:** A toolmark exam is a comparative exam. Both the tool and the object containing the toolmark(s) are required for an exam.

Latent Prints:

- Cartridges, bullets, and cartridge cases:** The surfaces of these items are not conducive to the development of suitable ridge detail.
- BB guns:** BB guns are only processed if used in a violent crime.
- Drug packaging corners or tear-offs (typically 1"x 1" or smaller):** The surfaces of these items are not conducive to the development of suitable ridge detail.

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