DNA Index of Special Concern (DISC) Information for Police Investigators
The DNA Index of Special Concern (DISC) is an Index in CODIS containing unsolved forensic profiles from these eligible case types: sexual assault, homicide, kidnapping or terrorism. Additional technical criteria include being the probative single-source profile of an unknown perpetrator with complete results at the 13 original CODIS core loci. The DNA profile must also contain required casework metadata information. Consult with the LSP Crime Lab for profile eligibility.

During the Rapid DNA process, Arrestee profiles generated by Rapid DNA Systems operated at a law enforcement booking station will be automatically enrolled into CODIS and searched against the DISC profiles described above. If the search of the Arrestee profile against the forensic profiles in DISC results in a hit, a Rapid hit message called the Unsolicited DNA Notification (UDN) message will be immediately sent to the 24/7 Nlets terminal of the investigative agency and the booking agency. This UDN message will contain contact information for both the investigating and booking agencies, and the purpose of the message is to notify the investigating agency of a potential CODIS hit while the arrestee is still in police custody.

How to get a crime scene evidence DNA profile from a case into DISC
Contact the LSP Crime Lab DNA Unit at (225-925-7791) to evaluate whether the DNA profile from your crime scene evidence meets all DISC criteria. Provide necessary casework metadata information for the crime scene evidence to the laboratory. (See Evidence Priority section of the DNA Case Supplemental Information Sheet where an example of appropriate evidence description is provided in the first row.)

Submitting Agency- Submitting Agency name.

Agency Case Number- Investigative agency’s reference tracking number for the case.

SP Number- Louisiana State Police Crime Lab case number.

Name of Case Agent- Name of point of contact for the case.

Case Agent Phone Number- Telephone number of primary investigator for the case.

Case Agent Email Address- Email address of primary investigator for the case.

Investigative Agency ID (ORI) - 24/7 Nlets terminal ORI of the investigative agency.

Statute of Limitation- Charge filing deadline for the crime that the evidence item came from.

Agency Willing to Extradite? (Y/N) – Confirmation the Investigating agency will extradite in event of Rapid Hit. Minimum entry for this field is “yes.” If investigative agency is unable to commit because extradition is not ultimately their decision, PENDING EXTRADITION DETERMINATION can be entered to this field.

Offense – Literal Description of the type of crime that the evidence item came from (Example: Homicide, First Degree Rape.

Agency Phone Number (24HR) – 24/7 agency contact number.
What happens after the case DNA profile is entered into DISC

The unsolved forensic profile in DISC will be available for a Rapid search when an arrestee is enrolled via the Rapid process. If the Rapid enrolled arrestee hits to your unsolved forensic profile in DISC, an Unsolicited DNA Notification (UDN) message will be immediately sent to your 24/7 Nlets terminal. The UDN message contains your casework metadata and also arrestee metadata associated with the arrestee (including the individual’s SID# and ORI of the booking agency). This arrestee metadata provides the identity of the arrestee and the booking location so prompt action could be taken by your agency. The follow up action would be similar to how your agency currently follow up wants/warrants hits in NCIC, and similar to action your agency currently take to follow up CODIS hit report/notifications from the laboratory when an arrestee or offender hits to unsolved forensic profile in CODIS.