

Exam Photos

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States are listed as a reference, not as a statewide perspective.

Issue: Do forensic examiners give law enforcement (LE) copies of exam photos with the forensic exam kit or wait until they are subpoenaed?

Alaska

- We do not routinely release the photos to LE;
- If the case goes to trial, we make two discs of the photos (1 for prosecution and 1 for defense).
- We have made copies of photos on domestic and sexual assault cases at the investigating officer's request.

Idaho

- We will give LE copies of the photos at the time of exam, if the appropriate medical release is signed;
- It is very rare that we are asked to release a copy.

New Jersey

- Exam photos are not given to law enforcement at the time of the exam;
- They are requested of the SANE Coordinator when needed.

Rhode Island

- Medical personnel take duplicate photos and maintain one with the patient's medical records, and one set with the sealed kit.

Utah

- We do not routinely provide photos to LE;
- We do provide a disc (no hard copies) to LE if they are requested for screening/filing charges with the County Attorney;
- We have provided photos to the County Attorney, with or without subpoena, but have yet to have any genital photos used at trial.