

Dear Criminal Justice Partner:

As of January 1, 2012, The Oregon State Police Portland Metro Area Forensics Laboratory began paternity testing on criminal cases (*not* non-support cases). This policy applies retroactively.

Criminal Paternity Test Kits are available from all OSP forensic laboratories. This kit includes an instruction form and the materials required to collect the samples. For live births, oral swabs will be collected from the mother, child and alleged father.

For products of conception (abortion, miscarriage), note that it is the responsibility of the health care provider to separate fetal tissue from maternal tissue and submit the fetal tissue in the provided sample tube. If this separation of fetal from maternal material has not been done prior to submission, we will not accept the case. So it is important that the provider have the kit and instructions at the time of the procedure. It is suggested that agencies contact the pathology department of the involved facility for assistance. The sample (in the provided tube) can then be submitted to the OSP DNA Unit at the Portland Metro Forensic Laboratory, 13309 SE 84th Ave., Suite 200, Clackamas, Oregon 97015-6923.

It is also important that the self-reported race of all individuals be included on the form. We will report the statistical estimate based on the race of the alleged father.

The OSP DNA Unit may be able to use samples stored in the OSP DNA database for comparison purposes.

For questions, please contact Forensic Scientist Terry Coons at 971-673-8256 or terry.coons@state.or.us or DNA Supervisor Brian Ostrom at 971-673-8268 or brian.ostrom@state.or.us.