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ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

4.1 PURPOSE

To maintain a comprehensive list of abbreviations and definitions used in the Forensic Biology Procedures and on the quality record worksheets during case examination.

4.2 RESPONSIBILITY

Forensic Science Examiners from the Division of Scientific Services who utilize the following terms during any and all phases of evidence examination.

4.3 DEFINITIONS

α -NP	α -Naphthyl Phosphate
ABA	Abacard
AH(s)	animal hair(s)
ALS	alternate light source
amt	amount
Amy	Amylase
AP	acid phosphatase
AR or A/R	Administrative Reviewer
ATT	at this time
Att'd	attached
B	Blue (related to ALS)
bc	barcode
B/G	Blue/Green (related to ALS)
Bio	biological
Blk	black
BLS(s)	blood-like stain(s)
bpb	brown paper bag
bpf	brown paper fold
Brn	brown
Brnsh	brownish
\bar{c}	containing
cal	caliber
cj	case jacket

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CNV	contents not verified
Cont	control/containing/continued
cos	cosigner
creat.	Creatinine
CS	Controlled Substances
CSS	Crime-scene search (related to ALS)
CT	Christmas Tree stain
dH ₂ O	De-ionized water
Diam.	diameter
dil.	dilute
DNC	did not collect
DSS	Dried secretion swabs
DTT	dithiothreitol
EB	extraction buffer
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
env	envelope
evid	evidence
exam	examination
ext	exterior
F(s) or frag(s)	fragment(s)
FA	Firearm(s) or further analysis
FAUR	further analysis upon request
FB	Forensic Biology
FBB	Fast Blue B
FLM	fiber-like material
fl/fluor/fluores	fluorescence
fs/c	Fingernail scrapings/clippings
FTA	Fast Technology for analysis of nucleic acids
ga	gauge

gen	Genital or general
gms	glass microscope slide
GP	gunpowder/gunpowder particles
GSR	gunshot residue
H(s)	hair(s)
HBH(s)	human body hair(s)
HCBH(s)*	human caucasian-type body hair(s)
HCH(s)*	human caucasian-type hair(s)
HCHH(s)*	human caucasian-type head hair(s)
HCPH(s)*	human caucasian-type pubic hair(s)
hd(s)	head(s)
HF(s)	hair fragment(s)
HH(s)*	human hair(s)
HHH(s)	human head hair(s)
HLF(s)	hair-like fiber(s)
HNBH(s)*	human negroid-type body hair(s)
HNH(s)*	human negroid-type hair(s)
HNHH(s)*	human negroid-type head hair(s)
HNPH(s)*	human-negroid-type pubic hair(s)
HPH(s)	human pubic hair(s)
HuH(s)	human hair(s)
hsf/hsfp	human seminal fluid protein
HT	HemaTrace®
ICFI	Insufficient characteristics for further identification
IFT	Insufficient for testing / Insuffucient for Further Testing

*Archived abbreviations

info/inform	information
init	initials
int	interior
IPF	inner paper fold

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irreg	irregular or irregularly
K/Kn/Knn	known
Kbs	Known blood sample
KHH	Known Head Hair
KPH	Known Pubic Hair
KM	Kastle-Meyer
KS	kernechtrot solution
(L) or L	left
L/m	Left message
LIMS	Laboratory Information Management System
LP	Latent Prints
lt	light
macro	macroscopical
mat'l/mat	material
max	maximum
ME	Medical Examiner
micro	microscopical
min	minimum/minutes
Min. mat.	mineral matter/material
mito	mitochondrial
MM	mineral matter
ms	microscope slide
mtDNA	mitochondrial DNA
N	no
NC	not collected
nDNA	nuclear DNA
NEATT	Not examined at this time
NFE	No further examination
Neg or (-)	negative

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NFT/NFST	No further testing/No further serological testing
NS or N/S	No suspect
NSFC*	Not suitable for comparison
NT/NST	Not tested/No serological testing
Ø	no or none
OCME	Office of Chief Medical Examiner
O-N	overnight
OT or o-Tol	ortho-Tolidine
OTM(s)	other trace material(s)
Ouch	Ouchterlony
p30	human seminal fluid protein
PBS	Phosphate Buffered Saline
PH(s)*	pubic hair(s)
Pig. Dist.	pigment distribution
pkg(d)	package(d)
P + R or P&R	packaged and returned
PICS/pics	picroindigocarmine solution/pictures
Pos or (+)	positive
Ppr	paper
pf	paper fold
PTT	purple top tube
PW/Pwk	paper work
Q	Questioned
QD	Questioned Documents
QRW(s)	Quality Record Worksheet(s)
Qty	Quantity
® or R	right
R/b or rb or R-B or RB	reddish-brown

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RB	reagent blank or reddish-brown
RAL	retained at Lab
RBC(s)	Red Blood Cell(s)
rec/rec'd/rcvd	received
ref	reference/referring to/referencing
rep	representative
ret/ret'd	retained
RFA	Request for Analysis
RIA	Rapid Immunoassay
RK*	Rape Kit
RKbpb*	Rape Kit brown paper bag
RKwpb*	Rape Kit white paper bag
RLD	ridge-like detail
ROA	round(s) of ammunition
RSID	rapid stain identification
RTP	Returned to Package/Packaging
RTT	red top tube
RuB	running buffer
(S) or Susp	suspect
SAEC/SAECK	Sexual Assault Evidence Collection/Kit
SA/SAK	Sexual Assault/Sexual Assault Kit
SAF	Sample(s) accounted for
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscope
SH	Sperm Hy-Liter
s/↑	strong/numerous
sl	slightly
sld	sealed
sm	small
*Archived abbreviations	
sp or spp	species

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std	standard
Stn(s)	stain(s)
Stnd	stained
Stng	staining
sub(s)	submission(s)
Supp'l	Supplemental
TAK	Takayama reagent
TLM	tissue-like material
TM	trace material
TR or T/R	Technical Reviewer
TRSO	technical right side out
TWSO	technical wrong side out
UB	Universal buffer
UFS	used for smear
unstnd	unstained
uro or urobil.	Urobilinogen
UV	Ultraviolet
V	Violet (related to ALS)
(V) or vic	victim
vag	vaginal
vcf	various colored fibers
Veg or veg mat	vegetative matter/material
vis.	visible
vm	voice mail
vw	very weak
w/	with
w/o	without
w/↓	weak/few
WB or W/B	waistband
WBC(s)	White Blood Cell(s)

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WES	white examination sheet
wpb	white paper bag
wpf	white paper fold
ws	worksheet
xref	cross reference
Y	yes

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