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BCI Laboratory Footwear Database Searches

Ohio BCI maintains a footwear database system. Database use is governed by the BCI Laboratory.

I. Database Entry Considerations

In order to consider a questioned impression from a crime scene for footwear database entry:

- The impression must be suitable for comparison purposes
- The impression has not been associated with any known source

Database entries include both known samples purchased from the manufacturer as well as entries from BCI and participating regional laboratories.

II. Database Entry Notification Practices

BCI laboratory reports notify law enforcement agencies if questioned impressions were entered into the footwear database.

III. Database Search Scope and Frequency

Footwear database searches are conducted during the examination of evidence.

IV. Database Entry Retention

Questioned impression entries from crime scenes are retained in the database.