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## BCI Laboratory Database Searches PDQ

Ohio BCI's participation in the Paint Data Query (PDQ) database is governed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

### I. Database Entry Considerations

In order to consider paint from a crime scene for a PDQ search:

- The paint sample must not be associated with a known paint
- The paint sample must be original automotive paint

Known paint samples are collected by participating agencies, including BCI, and entered into PDQ by RCMP.

### II. Database Entry Notification Practices

BCI laboratory reports notify law enforcement agencies if paint samples from crime scene evidence were searched against the PDQ database.

### III. Database Search Scope and Frequency

PDQ searches are conducted during the examination of the evidence.

### IV. Database Entry Retention

Paint sample entries from crime scene evidence are searched against the PDQ database, they are not retained.