

# DNA Case Acceptance Policy

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences Forensic Genetics Laboratory limits the *initial* number of samples for DNA testing based on the type of offense. **Subsequent testing may be performed upon request as deemed necessary.**

**CONTACT US FOR CONSULTATION AT (713) 274-5702.**

## FELONY EVIDENCE ONLY

- Evidence from misdemeanor crimes is not accepted

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

- Items in the Sexual Assault Kit are processed first
- If informative DNA kit information is obtained, no further testing is needed
- If DNA kit results are not informative, clothing and other items are processed sequentially
- **All items** will be processed in cases with multiple perpetrators

## HOMICIDE

- Initial analysis is limited to 10 items selected by the investigator and/or the District Attorney's Office

## OTHER CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- Initial analysis is limited to 5 items selected by the investigator and/or the District Attorney's Office

## PROPERTY CRIME

- Analysis is limited to 3 items selected by the investigator and/or the District Attorney's Office

## KNOWN REFERENCE SAMPLES

- Known standards submitted for analysis will not count against the number of items submitted for analysis for any type of case



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