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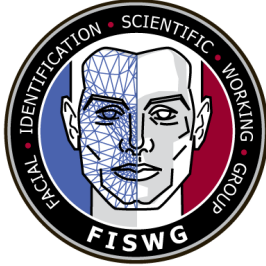
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Guide for the Use of Facial Comparison Investigative Leads

1. Scope

1.1 This guide is intended to provide a caveat for the use of facial comparison investigative leads communicated electronically, physically, or verbally.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:¹

ASTM E2916-13 Standard Terminology for Digital and Multimedia Evidence Examination

2.2 FISWG Standards:²

FISWG Glossary

FISWG Minimum Guidelines for Facial Image Comparison Documentation

FISWG Facial Comparison Overview and Methodology Guidelines

3. Significance and Use

3.1 In this document, the term investigative lead means information generated by an agency conducting manual facial comparison, with or without the use of a facial recognition system, to aid investigations.

3.2 Facial comparison investigative leads are not positive identifications and shall only be used in conjunction with additional information such as:

3.2.1 A line-up or photo array

¹ For referenced ASTM standards, visit www.nist.gov/osac/astm-launch-code, or the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

² For referenced FISWG documents, visit www.fiswg.org.

- 19 3.2.2 Person of interest, victim, or witness interviews
- 20 3.2.3 Biometric data, demographic information, or other evidence
- 21 3.3 The receiving agency's policy and applicable laws govern:
- 22 3.3.1 The use of manual facial comparison information
- 23 3.3.2 The requirements for a search warrant
- 24 3.3.3 Reasonable suspicion or probable cause for detention/arrest
- 25 3.4 Agencies conducting facial manual comparisons should include a caveat based
- 26 on their policies and procedures regarding facial comparison investigative lead
- 27 communications. Example provided in Appendix.

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APPENDIX

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(Nonmandatory Information)

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X1.1 Example of a caveat

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X1.1.1 THIS FACIAL IMAGE COMPARISON IS NOT A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.
THIS IS AN INVESTIGATIVE LEAD ONLY. ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION OR
INVOLVEMENT OF ANY SUBJECT MUST BE DETERMINED THROUGH FURTHER
INVESTIGATION.

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