

	QD-PM 20.0 ESDA Lifts Disposition	
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Guidelines for ESDA Lifts Disposition

No meaningful impressions: Images are considered notes and not considered evidentiary.

Impressions sourced to evidence packaging: Images are considered notes and not evidentiary.

Impressions sourced to other evidence items: Impressions may be evidentiary and handled based on quantity:

- Not evidentiary
 - Images and overlay images are considered notes and not evidentiary.
- Evidentiary:
 - Small quantity= physical lift entered as lab created evidence and provided to investigator
 - Large quantity= Digital images written to an optical disc, entered as lab created evidence and provided to investigator.
- Unsourced Impressions: Impressions are evidentiary and handled based on quantity:
 - Small quantity= Physical lift entered as lab created evidence and provided to investigator.
 - Large quantity= Digital images written to an optical disc, entered as lab created evidence and provided to investigator.

20.1

Electrostatic Detection Apparatus (ESDA) lifts will be clearly marked with the laboratory number, examiners initials, and identifying information. Digital scans of the original notes, diagrams, or other case information from the examination(s) will be stored in the laboratory case record object repository.

20.2

Evidentiary lifts from the ESDA will be packaged per laboratory protocols for evidence packaging.

20.3

The packaging containing the lifts will be entered as an evidence container into Forensic Advantage with the contents of the packaging entered as the description.

20.4

The evidentiary ESDA lifts will be turned over to the submitting agency following the completion of the case report, based on the guidelines above.