

## LOCAL DNA DATABASE REVIEW – AUDIT COMPLETION (MAY 2021)

In February 2020, the New York City Police Department, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), adopted a procedure where DNA profiles developed from suspects in NYPD investigations would be removed from the OCME’s Local Suspect Profile DNA Index.

The NYPD has completed its process of reviewing profiles identified by the OCME that have existed in the local suspect database for at least two years. This first review was conducted pursuant to the reforms announced above in 2020. The NYPD has committed to conducting further reviews on new profiles entered into the database as well as a full review of the local database every four years for all profiles that have existed in the local database for at least four years. The results of these future reviews will be made publicly available on the Department’s website.

<b>Total Number of Suspect Profiles in the Local DNA Database (as of May 3, 2021)</b>	<b>29,055 **</b>
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<b>Total Number of Suspect Profiles Reviewed by NYPD</b>	<b>20,460</b>
<b>Total Number of Suspect Profiles Recommended by NYPD for Removal to OCME</b>	<b>5,400</b>
<b>Total Number of Suspect Profiles Not Recommended by NYPD for Removal</b>	<b>15,060</b>

<b>Reasons for Reviewed Profiles to Remain in Suspect Database</b>	
<b>Designated Offender under N.Y. Exec. Law 995(17)</b>	<b>13,954</b>
<i>N.Y. Exec. Law Sec. 995(7) defines a “designated offender” as a person convicted of any felony under NYS law or any misdemeanor under the penal law (except for convictions under previous Penal Law Sec. 221.10). Such persons are required to provide a DNA sample for inclusion in the NYS DNA Identification Index.</i>	
<b>Profile is associated with a suspect in a current police investigation or ongoing prosecution.</b>	<b>1,030</b>
<b>No judicial conclusion related to profile.</b>	<b>76</b>
<i>The profile is of a person whose DNA was collected but no judicial conclusion was reached on the person’s guilt in their subsequent criminal case. Examples include cases dismissed due to victim/witness intimidation and/or lack of cooperation.</i>	

\*\* The number of suspect profiles currently contained in the Local Suspect DNA Database (LDIS) is maintained by the NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and is accurate as of the date provided. This data point represents the number of current suspect profiles compared to forensic samples in the local DNA index system (LDIS). Statistics and related information to the LDIS can be found here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ocme/services/ldis-tally.page>.