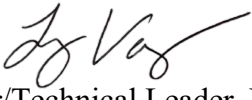




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The DNA•VIEW software has been in use by the Department of Forensic Biology for the purposes of calculating kinship statistics. It has recently been determined that the FBI allele frequency databases used within the program for some of the calculations were not updated¹.

Due to this issue, **as of June 25, 2024, the DNA•VIEW software has been taken offline and will no longer be used by the Department of Forensic Biology.** The Department is in the process of completing the necessary testing to utilize different software for the calculation of kinship statistics. Kinship statistics are most often used for cases involving questions of criminal paternity, missing persons, or unidentified human remains.

The Department will complete a review of cases which utilized the out-of-date allele frequency databases for kinship statistics and provide notification to the relevant parties as to any potential impact. Our expectation is that there will be little to no impact on any previously reported conclusions. We hope to be back online with kinship statistics within the next two weeks. In the meantime, please reach out to the Laboratory with any questions.

¹ Budowle B, et al. Erratum for: Population data on the thirteen CODIS core short tandem repeat loci in African Americans, US Caucasians, Hispanics, Bahamians, Jamaicans, and Trinidadians (*J Forensic Sci* - 1999;44 (6):1277-86). *J Forensic Sci*, July 2015, Vol. 60, No.4.