



## OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION & IDENTIFICATION POLICY

**Policy#** 14-0715-4 Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation & Identification Policy  
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**Purpose:** To establish a policy with guidelines on when and how to involve investigators from the state crime lab and/or use of the lab for forensic testing.

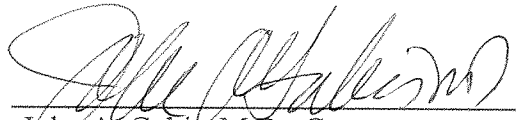
**Justification:** The Ohio Bureau of criminal Investigation & Identification is a great resource and we need to involve them when needed.

**Policy:**

1. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation & Identification is also referred to as BCI&I.
2. Our office has the authority to request BCI&I to assist in the investigation at any death scene.
3. Our office is permitted to submit evidence to the BCI&I lab for processing. See Policy# 14-0715-1 Chain of Custody Policy.
4. If the investigator feels that BCI&I should be requested to assist at a death scene investigation, he/she should first discuss this with the law enforcement on the scene. If not in agreement, the investigator may still make the request for BCI&I. The coroner should be immediately advised of the circumstances.
5. The BCI&I lab will be used for all DNA testing needed for making positive identification. Follow guidelines set forth by Policy#14-0715-1 Chain of Custody.
6. The BCI&I contact information will be maintained in contacts in DropBox. All investigators should also include in their personal contact list.

7. The coroner or chief investigator should be contacted if any questions arise while complying with this policy.

*This policy has been approved and is in effect until further notice:*

  
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John A. Gabis, M.D., Coroner

August 15, 2019  
Date