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In the GBI Crime Laboratory Operations Bulletin 2020-05, circumstances in which case information/reports is released were described. Three additional circumstances have been identified in which case information/reports will be released:

- Release of reports to attorneys in the Attorney General Office pursuant to O.C.G.A §16-15-4. When an attorney from the Attorney General is acting as described in § 16-15-4(n), the Attorney General's Office will be provided access to the Official Report via the reporting website by adding the Attorney General as a customer for the case. When necessary, in this circumstance, access will be granted to reports involving other acts or intrinsic evidence from other jurisdictions in the same manner as above.
- 2. In response to changes made to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, effective 12/1/2022, the following case information (all or in part) will be released to the Assistant United States Attorney in order to comply with Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 16(a)(1)(G)(iii): the DOFS case number, date of testimony, county of testimony, court in which testimony was provided, court case number, submitting agency, agency case number and subject name(s).
- 3. Release of case information and reports to the Sexual Assault Unit of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) on sexual assault evidence that has been outsourced to private laboratories for analysis using funding from their National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) grant award.

Outside of this Operations Bulletin, no further notification will be released by the GBI-DOFS when confidential case information is released in the circumstances described above.

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