

**A. Purpose:**

1. To outline the steps taken to submit images/videos to be reviewed for identified children by NCMEC.
2. To outline the steps taken to submit newly identified victim(s) to NCMEC.

**B. Responsibility:**

DFU forensic examiners.

**C. Definitions/Abbreviations:**

Refer to CC SOP-26 - Definitions and Abbreviations.

**D. Procedure:**

The following method is used to submit images and videos to NCMEC for a CRIS review:

**1. Mail Transport to NCMEC:**

- a. Burn an optical disk (CD/DVD) containing the images/videos to be sent to NCMEC or copy files to an alternate type of media if a greater capacity is required- i.e. Thumb drive, hard drive.
  - a. Submit all images and videos that depict CSAM, possible child sexual exploitation or clothed imagery of children. Exclude any images that include adult content or content not relevant to the review.
  - b. This is to include only the file(s) being provided to the submitting agency from the appropriate categories following the unit's categorization procedures.
  - c. All files should be provided named as the respective hash value.
- b. Label the optical disk or alternate storage media with the identifying information on the alternate storage media to include Investigating Agency, Agency Case#, Laboratory Case#, Date and Content description.
- c. Verify the information on the optical disk or alternate storage media and initial to indicate the appropriate information is on the media.
- d. Depending on the request(s), fill out the appropriate NCMEC paperwork "USPIS Template Letter-CRIS Reviews" which will accompany the optical disk or alternate storage media. This template letter is located in the ISO folder share directory.
- e. Place the optical disk or alternate media, as well as, the above paperwork in a CD mailer or other suitable container.
- f. Create a sub-item barcode label following the steps outlined in LIMS' help file under "Itemizing Evidence". Affix the label on the optical disk container or media container. Follow these criteria to generate the sub-item:
  1. Create the sub-item (child) within the first DFU submission (parent) in the case. Location should be in Computer Crimes – Sub-item Storage.
  2. Use the sub-item numbering convention as outlined in SOP GL4 to generate the sub-item number.

3. Give a general description of the sub-item in the “Description” field (i.e. – optical disk/alternate media - external hard drive containing images/videos for NCMEC). Do not reference child pornography in the description.
  4. Seal the CD mailer or container securely with evidence tape.
  - g. Obtain a shipping envelope / container, a USPS Certified Mail Receipt and a Return Receipt and follow the steps outlined below:
    1. Fill out the required information on the postal shipping receipts and apply them to the shipping envelope/container.
    2. Record the Laboratory Case Number at the bottom of the postal Return Receipt.
    3. The barcoded optical disc or storage media will be transferred from the current storage location to Mail Transport in LIMS during the technical review process by the analyst performing the technical review.
    4. Place the optical disk or storage media and paperwork package in a shipping envelope and seal the envelope.
  - h. Generate a request in LIMS for NCMEC CRIS. Leave the request unassigned. Associate the NCMEC media sub-item to the request. Submit the optical disk or media to the Unit Supervisor for mail transport.
2. Upon receiving a NCMEC CRIS report via email, send a copy to the Unit Supervisor, as well as the submitting officer indicated on the Request for Analysis paperwork. The number of images and videos that are indicated as known victims and those that were not identified will be tracked by the associated case number in a spreadsheet located on the shared drive. The hash values for the images and videos of known victims as well as the unidentified images will also be saved in the appropriate file format to be uploaded and included in the appropriate laboratory hash database categories.
    - a. The report must also be added to the directory where case jackets are scanned for archival purposes. This is to ensure a complete case file is provided for discovery, if necessary.
  3. If no response has been provided from NCMEC after ninety (90) days of the sub-item being mailed, the analyst will reach out via preferred method of contact (email, phone) and inquire about the status. This should be reflected in the synopsis within the case in LIMS.

The following method is used in cases where a possible or known new victim is associated:

1. Provide the images and/or videos of interest in an attachment/report for the submitting officer to review.
  - a. Include all files which appear to depict the same victim, both pornographic in nature, and not, to complete the series.
2. As a separate attachment, provide the most current version of the “USPIS Template Letter – Newly Identified Victims” form, as well as the instruction pdf for how to submit the information to NCMEC. This template letter is located in the ISO folder share directory.

E. References:

1. NCMEC-CVIP General Submissions Forms pdf