

*Approved by Director: Dr. Guy Vallaro*

**A. Purpose:** To ensure that evidence is taken in correctly under a “Joyce Warrant”, if provided to the CT Division of Scientific Services.

**B. Responsibility:** Evidence Control Officers (however titled) or designees.

**C. Procedure:**

1. Evidence submitted under a “Joyce Warrant”:

- When a case is being submitted with a “Joyce Warrant”, the Evidence Control Officer (ECO) or designee will review the evidence and accept the warrant.
- The warrant will be signed by the ECO or designee on the appropriate page of the warrant packet and a barcoded case label will be added for identification to each page of the warrant.
- The original signed copy of the warrant will be retained in the main case file in Evidence Receiving. The agency representative and Unit(s) with requests for analysis can receive a copy of the warrant.  
*Note:* Submitting agency may only want a copy of the signed page of the warrant.
- When entering the case request, select “Joyce” in the reason pick list.

**D. Reference:** State of CT v Wallace Joyce, 1997