ER SOP-06 General Guidelines for Joyce Warrants

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- A. Purpose: To ensure that evidence is taken in correctly under a "Joyce Warrant", if provided to the CT Division of Scientific Services (DSS).
- 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 should only be signed by the ECO or designee on the appropriate page of the warrant packet if the <u>DSS</u> is <u>listed</u> as the <u>location</u> of the warrant (when a warrant is being served to DSS).
  - A copy of the signed warrant will be retained in the administrative case file in Evidence Receiving, this can be electronic attachment in LIMS or a physical copy. The original signed warrant is returned to the submitting agency or can be scanned and emailed. 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 which also can be scanned and emailed.
  - When entering the case request, select "Joyce" in the reason pick list.
  - Refer to the Evidence Submission Guidelines for further guidance (ER 1.1, section 1.4 Joyce Warrants).
- D. Reference: State of CT v Wallace Joyce, 1997