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#	Section	Type of Comment (E-Editorial, T-Technical)	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Final Resolution
1	4.2.2 a	T	It is not the FSP's job to keep track of a subject's aliases; if subject's name differs from name of person requested or if multiple exemplars are used and they have different names, then having an AKA on the exemplar(s) is preferred; however, FSP does not need to provide aliases for all subjects being compared	Change "should be included" to "may be included" in 4.2.2	Reject - Use of the term 'may' indicates that permission is being given; whereas use of the term 'should' indicates a recommendation. In the context of this STD, 4.2.2 a. provides a recommendation, not a permission. Therefore, use of the term 'should' is appropriately used.
2	4.2.2 b	T	Origin of exemplar is extraneous information that does not provide any support to conclusions, opinions, or interpretations; if exemplars are not listed as an item of evidence, then their origins do not need to be listed	Change "should be included" to "may be included" in 4.2.2	Reject - Use of the term 'may' indicates that permission is being given; whereas use of the term 'should' indicates a recommendation. In the context of this STD, 4.2.2 b. provides a recommendation, not a permission. Therefore, use of the term 'should' is appropriately used.
7	4.3	E	The footer on page 8 should be linked to something as a superscript. Usually, numbers are used when there are more than one. If there is only one, typically an asterisk is used. However, if the footer is clarifying a definition, as in this case, perhaps it would be better to formally define the phrase (forensic process). It says not to confuse this term with 'latent processing' but it never says what a 'forensic process' is.	The footer on page 8 should be linked to something as a superscript.	Accept with modification - Deleted footer. Added note under requirement 4.3.1 c. to clarify that the requirement is not intended to include limitations associated with latent print processing or enhancement techniques.
3	4.3.1 k	T	Extra information that adds no value to report and can confuse detectives, lawyers, and/or juries	Remove 4.3.1 k	Reject - If an AFIS-quality print is not searched, it should be included in the report.
5	4.3.2	T	The standard includes language limiting its requirements regarding activity level inferences. Specifically it requires inserting a caveat that the examiner cannot provide activity level evidence only "when applicable." The when applicable language is inappropriate. No research demonstrates any scientific ability to offer reliable opinions about the time and manner of deposition of a latent print. Admissions should that effect should always be included; there is no situation where they are not applicable.	Remove "when applicable"	Accept with modification - If latent prints are not detected in a case, then the required statement is not applicable to the report. Removed "when applicable" and added "if latent prints are detected" for clarification.

4	4.4.1 c	T	If a verification policy for conclusions is clearly written the the FSP's Technical Manual, Standard Operating Procedures, or Physical Evidence Handbook, and those policies/procedures can be accessed by the customer, then this information does not need to be written in the report	Add "if not available to the customer in the FSP's policies and procedures" to end of 4.4.1 c	Reject - it is important to report the work that was done. Referring to policies or procedures indicates the work that should be done, but does not speak to the work that was actually done in any given case.
6	4.4.3	T	"Source identification" is not empirically supported as a conclusion in this discipline	Remove "source identification" and do not use it in reports	Reject - this standard is consistent with the terminology and conclusions required under STD 013 Standard for Friction Ridge Examination Conclusions.