Management of Case Evidence:
Techniques, Systems and Tools to Mitigate Risk

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International Association for Property & Evidence, Inc.
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• Mission: education
• Professional standards
• Two day “Property & Evidence Management” class
• 4,000 + members
• Members can become certified
You are a Prosecutor preparing for a major criminal trial
What do you expect regarding the handling and storage of the evidence for your criminal cases?
TRACKING & ACCOUNTABILITY
Continuity Tracking
(Chain of Custody)
Temporary Releases:
Out to Lab
Out to Investigator
Out to Court
Back from the lab?

Did anyone check?

Follow-up process?
Inventories + Audits = RISK
100% Inventory Conducted Annually
AUDIT CHECKLIST

- Audit Satisfactory
- Nonconformances Found
- Observations Made
Security and Internal Controls
Concerned about Evidence Security?
How secure is your Evidence Storage area?
Internal Controls
Access Control
Video Surveillance

THIS AREA IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE
Transfer currency to a bank
Who are your Evidence Custodians?
Background Investigation

Financial Check

Drug Testing
Packaging & Storage
Evidence Packaging Standards

Crime Lab

Prosecutor

Police
High Profile Evidence

- Guns
- Money
- Drugs
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
Disposition & Purging
Help to facilitate the purging process
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A great resource
Thank You

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Questions

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