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To: All Law Enforcement Agencies
From: Linda C. Jackson, Department Director 
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RE: RESUBMISSION OF LATENT PRINTS FOR CONTINUED NGI SEARCHING FROM PRE-2013 UNSOLVED CASES

Due to changes and upgrades in the FBI Next Generation Identification (NGI) System, formerly the Integrated Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), latent prints originally searched prior to 2013 and retained in the Unsolved Latent File (ULF) for ongoing automatic searches are no longer in a usable format. Accordingly, if your agency has unsolved crimes from before 2013 with latent print evidence, the Department is recommending that the lifts, photographs or digital images of the latent prints be resubmitted so that they can continue to be searched in NGI. **The original evidence, which was processed for latent prints, should not be resubmitted.** Resubmission may result in the identification of subjects and will allow for ongoing automatic searches of non-identified latent prints to new subjects as they are added to the NGI system.

It is not necessary to resubmit latent prints for crimes that have been solved or are not being actively investigated.

Please contact the Latent Print Section Supervisor for your service area at the number listed below to coordinate the re-submission and re-examination of pre-2013 lifts, photographs or digital images.

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Below is the information found on the fbi.gov website in regards to latent prints prior to 2013.

Prior to the NGI System, latent images [were] searched against the criminal repository. Now, latent users can search latent images against the criminal, civil, and Unsolved Latent File (ULF) repositories. Moreover, incoming criminal and civil submissions (tenprint, palm print, RISC, and supplemental fingerprints) are cascaded against the ULF, generating new investigative leads in unsolved and/or cold cases. The CJIS Division recommends latent fingerprint images submitted prior to 2013 be resubmitted to the NGI system if no identification was made during the initial search.