



## **Florida county first in nation to use fully-integrated ANDE Rapid DNA arrestee booking technology in FBI program**

LONGMONT, Colorado (Tuesday, March 10, 2020) — ANDE Corporation (<https://www.ande.com/>), the global leader in Rapid DNA identification, today announced the successful completion of its involvement in an FBI pilot program that featured the nation's first and only fully-integrated Rapid DNA booking technology in Leon County, FL.

The program was initiated by the FBI following the passage of the 2017 Rapid DNA Act to add Rapid DNA processing to the law enforcement booking process. The resulting data will be used to establish national standards and procedures for the use of Rapid DNA at booking stations.

ANDE is the only Rapid DNA provider whose technology has received National DNA Index System (NDIS) approval, as required by federal law.

In the Florida pilot, ANDE partnered with South Carolina-based Dataworks Plus, a leader in law enforcement biometric software and hardware. The companies worked closely with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Leon County Sheriff's Office to integrate the new technology.

The addition of ANDE's Rapid DNA technology enables the processing of DNA samples from a qualifying arrestee and generation of an FBI-eligible DNA ID in approximately 90 minutes, followed by a search of the DNA ID against the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) while the arrestee is in custody. The system is designed to be fast, easy, and fully automated so that it fits seamlessly into the existing process flow within booking environments.

James Davis, ANDE's Chief Federal Officer, said, "Implementing Rapid DNA at booking is all about crime reduction. Rapid DNA improves public safety by enabling law

enforcement agencies to identify perpetrators earlier in their criminal careers and get them off the street before they can victimize more citizens."

The ANDE Rapid DNA identification system is a scientifically-validated technology that generates a DNA ID in approximately 90 minutes. The processing steps and data interpretation in the Rapid DNA system are essentially identical to those used in conventional labs, but with ANDE the samples are processed on-site and the data interpreted automatically.

The Rapid DNA ID is based on the size of 27 DNA fragments and does not reveal information about an individual's appearance or medical and behavioral conditions. This level of privacy removes human bias, delivering objective information to inform investigations, identify suspects, and exonerate the innocent.

ANDE's mission is to use Rapid DNA to create a safer world. The company's technology is being leveraged around the globe in a variety of use cases spanning arrestee bookings, border security enforcement, human trafficking and other criminal investigations, missing person identifications, sex crimes, and disaster victim identification. ANDE was used in California to identify the victims of the tragic 2018 Camp Fire, as well as the 2019 Conception boat fire off the coast of Southern California.

### **About ANDE Corporation**

ANDE is the global leader in Rapid DNA. With a mission to use Rapid DNA to create a safer world, ANDE's pioneering work is having major impacts in a wide range of law enforcement, military, and disaster victim identification applications in the U.S. and internationally. ANDE was founded in 2004 and has offices in Longmont, CO; Waltham, MA; and Washington, D.C. For more information about the ANDE Rapid DNA Identification System, please visit [ANDE.com](http://ANDE.com). ANDE® and ANDE RAPID DNA™ are registered trademarks of ANDE Corporation.

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