

Another Milestone in DNA Profiling History - 500 'same day' DNA profiles loaded to National DNA Database®

Key Forensic's recently accredited, ground-breaking DNA profiling service hit another milestone this week, when the 500th DNA profile generated using the revolutionary RapidHIT technology, was loaded to the National DNA Database® (NDNAD).

Since late July, KFS has routinely been offering its police customers a unique same day service for the processing of samples taken from persons arrested and is the first forensic service provider **in the world** to offer this service, enabling police forces to check an arrestee against the NDNAD on the day of the arrest.



The RapidHIT® rapid DNA instrument

This same day service, now a routine offering from KFS, transforms the previous standards service offering of 3-4 days.

"What used to be considered an urgent or premium service has become KFS business as usual." Said KFS Group Managing Director Paul Hackett. "To use an airline industry analogy *Everybody goes FIRST CLASS at KFS.*" He added: "We aim to offer the most competitive and responsive DNA service in the world and today KFS sets a new benchmark in DNA timeliness terms."

Commenting on the introduction of the new same day DNA Service, Norman Stringer, Forensic Contracts and Submissions Manager for Beds, Herts, Cambs said: "I am pleased to see that KFS is now offering this service, it represents a big step forward for the use of DNA technology in the fight against crime."

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Key Forensic Services Ltd.

Key Forensic Services (KFS) is an established, ISO17025 and ISO9001 accredited forensic service provider, operating from 3 sites across the UK and offering a comprehensive range of forensic services including DNA profiling, to police forces across England and Wales. KFS has exclusive rights within the UK for the marketing of the RapidHIT® rapid DNA system.

RapidHIT® and IntegenX Inc.

The RapidHIT® system, developed by IntegenX Inc. in California, is a self-contained sample to profile system and takes less than two hours to produce a DNA profile, which is a significant shortening of the time taken using traditional DNA processing in a laboratory environment.

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