

FORM F1.

Request for forensic analysis match funding

- The Forensic Analysis Fund is only accessible to UK police officers and UKBF officers.
- Please complete the following fields, save and then email this form to: stephanie.pendry@traffic.cjsm.net
- You will receive an email confirmation of receipt within 24 hours and should be contacted regarding the case within 5 days.

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Case ref	CP-20171505-1254
Date	12/06/17
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Possible offence in relation to:

COTES Wildlife and Countryside Act Other

If other, please specify:	Deer Act 1991
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PLEASE NOTE:

- Please be accurate with level of funds required. Additional work or increased costs will not be authorised. A further application to the fund will be required if costs increase.
- This fund can pay the first £300 plus up to 50% of additional costs of any forensic test. Match funding is required for amounts over £300.
- Any media articles must acknowledge FAF as a source of funding (see notes page 5).
- Should the case go to court, it is required that an application for costs is submitted to the court and any costs recovered are reimbursed to FAF (MG19 form).

Case information:

Please provide a case summary and objective of the forensic testing. Consider: -

1. Circumstances of the alleged offence(s) including date(s)

It was reported to the Police on the 15th May 2017, that in a field near location Y (a hot spot for red deer poaching) there were fresh drag marks, blood and deer hair found, consistent with a deer being killed and dragged at this location sometime overnight. Very close to location Y, SUSPECT A's car was seen parked.

On this day an untagged deer carcass of a red deer was seen at a game dealer nearby. However when the game dealer was visited by the FSA 2 x red deer carcasses were seen, but both had been tagged (therefore no FSA offences). Officers have since attended the game dealers to check an insecurity at the building, upon seeing the 2 tagged deer and being aware of this incident, samples were taken from the deer carcasses. The carcasses were marked up as being shot by SUSPECT A.

SUSPECT A claims he cannot remember where he shot the 2 red deer carcasses he sold to the game dealers.

The objective of the forensic testing is to establish a link between the deer carcasses at the game dealers and the blood remains found in the field near location Y. SUSPECT A has no permission to be shooting deer at this location, and therefore if we can link the samples, we may have a realistic prospect of a conviction.

2. Specific offence(s) being investigated

(s.1 & s.3 Deer Act 1991).

Case information:

3. Details of items seized and how these items have been stored. If there are multiple items, please provide details for each item

Blood and Hair samples taken from the suspected poaching scene at 13:45hrs on the 9th Feb (Exhibit DS-01)

Samples taken at the game dealers on the 15th May:

DS-02 – Tissue sample from Deer Carcass A at 20:50hrs

DS-03 – Tissue sample from Deer Carcass B at 20:50hrs

All samples have been stored in the freezer.

Be simple, yet specific. If there are multiple items, create a table for this section. The method of storage could have a big impact on what types of testing are possible.

Case information:

4. What are the points to prove from the forensic test or specialist examination?

Firstly, does the sample from the suspected poaching scene (DS-01) originate from a red deer?

If so, could the sample from the poaching scene (DS-01) originate from Deer carcass A or Deer carcass B? – linking SUSPECT A to the poaching site.

Wildlife DNA Forensic testing is requested to address these investigative questions. DNA species identification for the first question, and then red deer DNA profiling for the second question.

5. Please provide accurate costing and specifically state what proportion of these costs is being applied for from FAF. Please include details of who is carrying out the forensic test(s)

The Wildlife DNA Forensic testing has been discussed with SASA and quoted at £1000 plus VAT (£1200 in total) including:

- Species identification for sample DS-01 and, if red deer, DNA profiling from this sample.
- Red deer DNA profiling from DS-02 and DS-03 reference samples from game dealer.
- DNA data analysis and report

We apply for £750 from FAF (£300 plus 50% of the subsequent costs to £1200). Match funding has been approved for the remaining sum of £450.

Identify the provider for the testing you require and get a quote

Case information:

6. The importance of this in relation to other evidence in the investigation – what could the forensic evidence add to the case?

There is no CCTV evidence and no witness evidence in this case of the crime being committed. SUSPECT A has denied any deer poaching offence; he admits to tagging the deer up but cannot remember killing them or exactly where they were killed. He was evasive in interview when challenged about this offence. He has no permission to be killing deer where the ‘kill’ site was. This evidence is crucial in proving this case.

The importance of the forensic testing is emphasized here. Without it, there is little evidence for prosecution.

Case information:

7. Details of any other forensic tests which have been considered or completed. If completed, please provide a copy of the forensic test results with your Forensic Analysis Fund application

There is no other forensic test available to provide the information that is required.

In this instance there is no other evidence for forensic testing consideration.

Case information:

8. Any other information relevant to the case, such as if a bail date applies, or other date for which this analysis and evidence is required e.g. any time bars for offences, or court dates

SUSPECT A attended as a voluntary attender for A POLICE interview, therefore is not on police bail. This potential offence occurred in May 2017, therefore we have 6 months from this date to get a summons issued, so I would require this information as soon as possible in order for all of the evidence to be presented to the CPS within this time period.

It is imperative that all crucial dates are included here. From court dates through to time bars for offences.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

As a condition of accepting these funds, should the case go to court, it is required that an application for costs is submitted to the court and any costs recovered are reimbursed to FAF (MG19 form).

In addition, all FAF recipients must include the following information in the 'notes' section of any press release or media work carried out:

“The Forensic Analysis Fund (FAF) offers financial support to police and customs officers seeking to carry out forensic analysis during a wildlife crime investigation. WWF, TRACE, RSPB and Defra have all contributed to the scheme. For amounts up to £300 the scheme will cover full forensic costs. For amounts in excess of £300, the scheme will cover the initial £300 plus 50% of the remainder. The fund has been established to encourage the use of forensic techniques to help solve wildlife crimes and comes under the banner of the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime (PAW). Many wildlife cases which make use of forensic analysis would otherwise have failed to reach prosecution stage or be eliminated at an early stage. Founded in 2008, the scheme has already provided money to help support over 40 cases.”