

299C.145 DISTINCTIVE PHYSICAL MARK IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section and in sections 299C.10, 299C.11, and 299C.14, "distinctive physical mark identification data" means a photograph of a brand, scar, or tattoo, and a description of the body location where the distinctive physical mark appears.

Subd. 2. **System establishment.** The superintendent shall establish and maintain a system within the bureau to enable law enforcement agencies to submit and obtain distinctive physical mark identification data on persons who are under investigation for criminal activity. The system shall cross-reference the distinctive physical mark identification data with the name of the individual from whose body the distinctive physical mark identification data was obtained. The system also shall cross-reference distinctive physical mark identification data with the names of individuals who have been identified as having a similar or identical distinctive physical mark in the same body location.

Subd. 3. **Authority to enter or retrieve data.** Only criminal justice agencies, as defined in section 299C.46, subdivision 2, may submit data to and obtain data from the distinctive physical mark identification system.

Subd. 4. **Rules.** The bureau may adopt rules to provide for the orderly collection, entry, and retrieval of data contained in the distinctive physical mark identification system.

History: 1994 c 636 art 4 s 23; 2005 c 136 art 11 s 11