



Heart of America Regional  
Computer Forensics Laboratory

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## Legal Authority Statement

The Heart of America Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory requires all cases to be provided with written documentation of legal authority to conduct the search/examination of the media submitted. In cases where a search warrant or written consent to search is not provided, this form will document the legal authority is present necessary to conduct the procedures requested. **Legal authority should be discussed with the prosecuting authority for your jurisdiction or agency legal advisor. The HARCFL reserves the right to refuse examination of any media for any reason on our sole discretion.**

*This form applies to:*

- All items submitted.
- Specific item(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Abandoned Property.** *Items to be examined to determine ownership. No owner information is reasonably available.*
- Video.** *Surveillance video obtained from a third-party (not a suspect) or disinterested party.*
- Administrative.** *Submitted for technical work not of a civil or criminal nature.*
- Deceased Person.** *Item in the possession of a person now deceased.*
- Probation & Parole.**
- Classified/Secret/FISA Authority.** *Case agent **must** retain legal authority.*
- Other.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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The above statement as to the legal authority is true to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_