



## Advantages and How to Submit Unknown Deceased (DEU) and Known Deceased (DEK) *Electronic Biometric Transmission Specification* Types of Transactions (TOTs)

- **The FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division encourages submitting deceased identification requests to the Next Generation Identification (NGI) System using the DEU and DEK TOTs.** Authorized federal, state, tribal, and international criminal justice agencies and authorized coroners and medical examiners may submit DEU and DEK TOTs (when programmed) for active and cold cases to the NGI System and obtain a response in less than 24 hours. The NGI System will provide either an identification or a nonidentification response via the Submission Results-Electronic response. When an identification occurs, the NGI System will update the criminal history record status as deceased and include the contributor's information and the date of death. Additional states of record will be notified of the individual's death confirmed by fingerprint comparison with an unsolicited message. If no identification occurs, the fingerprint-based identity will be added to the NGI System to make a possible identification in the future.
- **Beginning in the fall 2021, the CJIS Division's Deceased Persons Identification (DPI) Services began incremental expansion of biographic and biometric searches for deceased identification requests submitted as DEU and DEK TOTs that result in a nonidentification or rejection.** Contributors are encouraged to submit their deceased identification requests using the DEK TOT when biographic and biometric data is available and the DEU TOT when only biometric data is available. Contributors not programmed to submit to the NGI System using the DEU or DEK TOTs may contact the CJIS Division's Special Processing Center (SPC), until they achieve programming. The SPC will process these requests using the DEU or DEK TOT, which will create a deceased event in the NGI System. Whether submitted as a DEU, DEK, or directly to the SPC (if not programmed), the SPC staff will provide exhaustive identification research.
- **Deceased events previously submitted to the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System prior to 2003 should be resubmitted (if no identification was made and they were not previously resubmitted) to enroll these identities and possibly make an identification.** In 2010, the retention for deceased events changed from seven years after the date of death to the individual reaching 110 years of age. In addition to the longer retention schedule, improvements to the NGI System's algorithm may result in an identification.

To coordinate programming for the DEU and DEK TOTs, contact your CJIS Division's Customer Service Group representative via email at [CK\\_CSG@fbi.gov](mailto:CK_CSG@fbi.gov). For assistance with deceased identifications while programming please contact the SPC at [SPC\\_Team@fbi.gov](mailto:SPC_Team@fbi.gov). For general deceased questions, contact the DPI Services at [DPIServices@fbi.gov](mailto:DPIServices@fbi.gov).



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