

22a-246. Evidence taken before body cremated if criminal investigation likely; preservation of records. (a) When the death of a person is a death described in K.S.A. 22a-231, and amendments thereto, and a criminal investigation is or is likely to be conducted regarding the death and the body is to be cremated, the district coroner or the coroner's agent having charge of the body shall cause to be taken such evidence to identify the dead person, including, but not limited to:

(1) A forensic dental examination to be made of the body, which examination shall include complete charting, dental x-rays and detailed dental intra-oral photographs;

(2) the complete maxillia and mandible of the body to be removed and preserved; or

(3) a clear recording or print of the complete ridge structure that may be present on the hands and feet of the body.

(b) If a forensic dental examination is made pursuant to subsection (a), the coroner shall cause two copies of the examination records to be made.

(c) All records and copies of records of a forensic dental examination or ridge structure print made pursuant to this section, or any maxilliae and mandible removed pursuant to this section, shall be preserved and retained in evidence until all criminal investigations and judicial proceedings that may arise from such death are finally determined.

History: L. 1993, ch. 214, § 18; July 1.