

Item 108 — Chain of Custody Correction

One-file packet for the site: the emails, what Report No. 26 says about the same item, and the timeline chart.

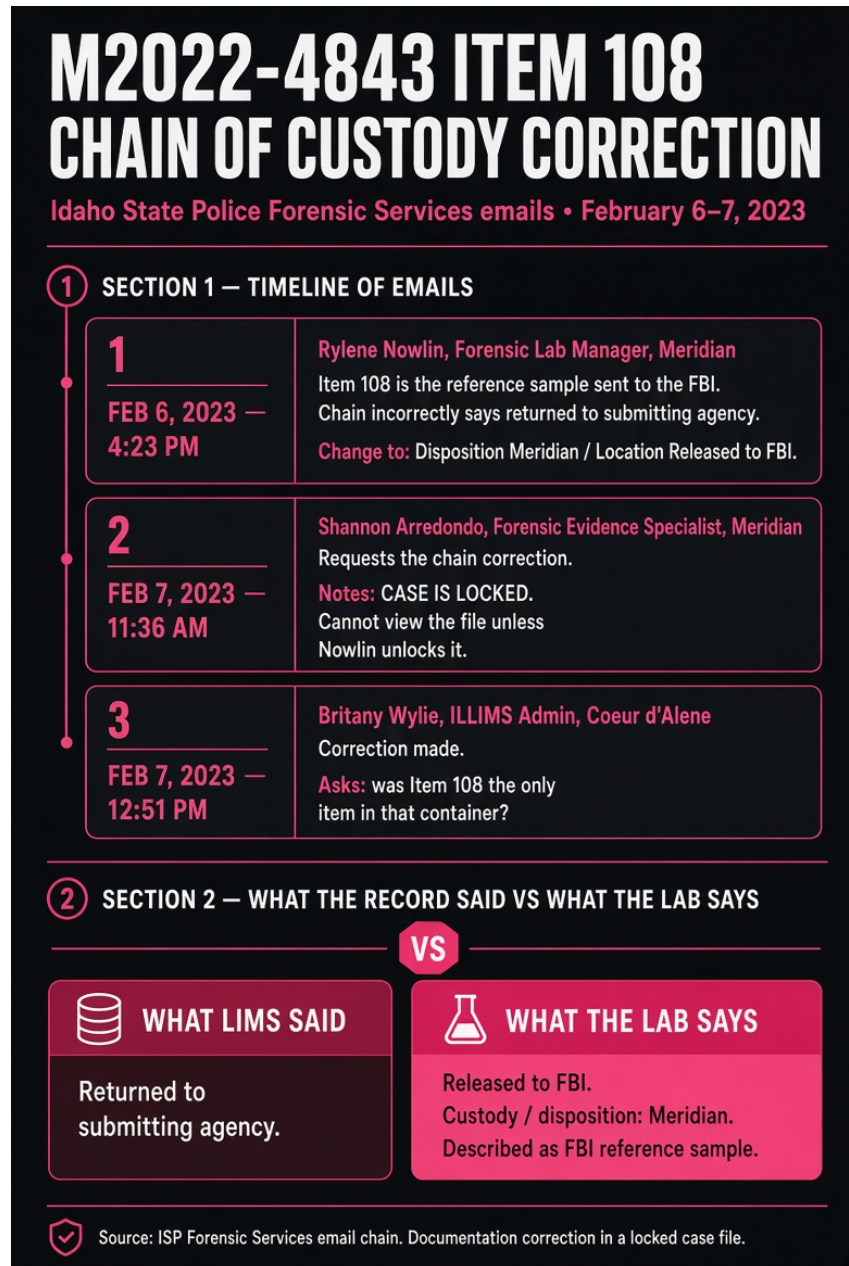


Chart built from the February 6–7, 2023 ISP Forensic Services emails.

What Item 108 is

ISP Forensic Services **DNA Report No. 26** (lab case **M2022-4843**, analyst Jade Miller, issue date **February 6, 2023**) lists:

- **Item 108:** Reference oral swabs from Bryan Kohberger
- **Item 110:** DNA extracts from items including Item 108

Disposition line in that same report: **“Item 108 was previously returned to the submitting agency.”**

What the emails say the same day

Feb 6, 2023, 4:23 p.m. — Rylene Nowlin, Forensic Lab Manager, Meridian

“This is the reference sample that was sent to the FBI. The chain states it was returned to the submitting agency. You will need to request a chain correction and ask that it be changed to Custody of Evidence Disposition Meridian and Location Released to FBI.”

Feb 7, 2023, 11:36 a.m. — Shannon Arredondo, Forensic Evidence Specialist, Meridian

“Hi, can you please correct the chain on item #108. Change from ‘returned to submitting agency’ to ‘Custody of Evidence Disposition Meridian and Location Released to FBI’. The case is locked, so I am not able to see information on it unless Rylene unlocks it for me.”

Feb 7, 2023, 12:51 p.m. — Britany Wylie, ILLIMS Admin, Coeur d’Alene

“I have corrected this. That was the only item in that container, correct?”

	What the record said	What lab staff said
Item	M2022-4843 Item 108	Reference sample sent to the FBI (oral swabs / Kohberger, per Report 26)
Where it went	Returned to submitting agency	Released to the FBI; disposition Meridian
File access	Case locked	Evidence specialist could not view it unless the lab manager unlocked it
Container	—	ILLIMS admin asked if Item 108 was the only item in that container

Why these two documents belong together

Report 26 is dated February 6, 2023 and uses the disposition line “returned to the submitting agency.” That afternoon the lab manager emailed that the chain was wrong and the sample had been released to the FBI. The next morning the evidence specialist said the case file was locked. Midday the ILLIMS administrator in Coeur d’Alene said the computer chain had been corrected and asked whether anything else shared the container. The emails are the correction. Report 26 is the official DNA write-up that still carried the old language. The original emails are attached as the last pages of this packet.

This packet does not claim the swabs were lost or swapped. It shows the official chain language and the lab’s own correction email do not match, on the same item, on the same date.

Sources: ISP Forensic Services emails, “RE: M2022-4843 Item 108,” Feb. 6–7, 2023; ISPFS DNA Report No. 26 as quoted in court filings in CR01-24-31665.

From: Forensics Services
To: Arredondo, Shannon; Forensics Services
Cc: Nowlin, Rylene
Subject: RE: M2022-4843 Item 108
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:51:00 PM

I have corrected this. That was the only item in that container, correct?

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From: Arredondo, Shannon <shannon.arredondo@isp.idaho.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:36 AM
To: Forensics Services <Forensic.Services@isp.idaho.gov>
Subject: FW: M2022-4843 Item 108

Hi, can you please correct the chain on item #108. Change from "returned to submitting agency" to "Custody of Evidence Disposition Meridian and Location Released to FBI". The case is locked, so I am not able to see information on it unless Rylene unlocks it for me.

Thank You,

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From: Nowlin, Rylene <Rylene.Nowlin@isp.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 4:23 PM
To: Arredondo, Shannon <shannon.arredondo@isp.idaho.gov>
Subject: M2022-4843 Item 108

Shannon,

This is the reference sample that was sent to the FBI. The chain states it was returned to the submitting agency. You will need to request a chain correction and ask that it be changed to Custody of Evidence Disposition Meridian and Location Released to FBI.

Thank you,
Rylene

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