

CHAPTER 810

NONTESIMONIAL IDENTIFICATION

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810.1 Definition.

As used in [this chapter](#), the term “*nontestimonial identification*” includes, but is not limited to, identification by fingerprints, palm prints, footprints, measurements, hair strands, handwriting samples, voice samples, photographs, blood and saliva samples, ultraviolet or black-light examinations, paraffin tests, and lineups.

[C79, 81, §810.1]

810.2 Nontestimonial identification order at request of defendant.

A person arrested for or charged with an offense may request a district court judge to order a nontestimonial identification procedure. If it appears that the results of specific nontestimonial identification procedures will be of material aid in determining whether the defendant committed the offense, the judge shall order such identification procedures involving the defendant under such terms and conditions as the judge shall prescribe.

[C79, 81, §810.2]

810.3 Authority to issue order.

A nontestimonial identification order authorized by [this chapter](#) may be issued only by a district court or district associate court judge upon written application of a prosecuting attorney in the investigation of a felony offense.

[[81 Acts, ch 206, §2](#)]

810.4 Time of application.

Applications for a nontestimonial identification order under [this chapter](#) may be made prior to the arrest of a suspect. The procedural provisions of [this chapter](#) shall not limit the conduct of lineups or other nontestimonial procedures after arrest.

[[81 Acts, ch 206, §3](#)]

810.5 Contents of application.

The application shall:

1. Describe the felony offense that is being investigated;
2. Name or describe with particularity the person to be detained for the desired nontestimonial identification procedure;
3. State the time when and place where the applicant requests that the nontestimonial identification procedure be conducted; and
4. Be supported by one or more affidavits setting forth the facts and circumstances showing that the basis for issuance of an order under [this chapter](#) exist. If an affidavit is based in whole or in part on hearsay, the affiant shall set forth particular facts bearing on the informant's reliability and shall disclose, as far as is practicable, the means by which the information was obtained.

[[81 Acts, ch 206, §4](#)]

810.6 Basis for order.

An order authorized by [this chapter](#) shall be issued only if the court finds that the application and the affidavit or affidavits in support of the application establish each of the following:

1. That there is probable cause to believe that a felony described in the application has been committed.
2. That there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the person named or described in the application committed the felony and it is reasonable in view of the seriousness of the offense to subject that person to the requested nontestimonial identification procedures.
3. That the results of the requested nontestimonial identification procedures will be of material aid in determining whether the person named or described in the application committed the felony.
4. That such evidence cannot practicably be obtained from other sources.

[\[81 Acts, ch 206, §5\]](#)

810.7 Issuance of order.

Upon a showing that the required grounds exist, the court shall issue an order directing the person named or described in the application to appear at a designated time and place for nontestimonial identification procedures. The order shall be maintained by the clerk of the district court along with the application and the affidavits in support of the application in a confidential file until a charge is filed, at which time the order, application, and affidavits in support of the application shall become public records unless the court upon an in camera hearing orders that they be kept confidential.

[\[81 Acts, ch 206, §6; 82 Acts, ch 1138, §1\]](#)

810.8 Contents of order.

The order shall be directed to the person named or described in the application and shall inform the person of all of the following:

1. That the presence of the person is required for the purpose of conducting or permitting nontestimonial identification procedures in order to aid in the investigation of the felony specified therein.
2. The time and place of the required appearance.
3. The nontestimonial identification procedures to be conducted, the methods to be used, and the approximate length of time the procedures will require.
4. The grounds to suspect that the person named in the affidavit committed the felony specified therein.
5. That the person will be under no legal obligation to submit to any interrogation or to make any statement during the period of the person's appearance except for that required for voice identification.
6. That the person may request the judge to make a reasonable modification of the order with respect to time and place of appearance, including a request to have any nontestimonial identification procedure other than a lineup conducted at the person's place of residence.
7. That if the person fails to appear, the person may be held in contempt of court.
8. That the right to counsel shall apply during nontestimonial identification procedures, including the right of indigent persons to appointed counsel.
9. That the person may request that the court modify or vacate the order as provided in [this chapter](#).

[\[81 Acts, ch 206, §7\]](#)

810.9 Modification of order.

At the request of the person named or described in the application, the issuing court may modify a nontestimonial identification order with respect to time, place or manner of conducting the identification procedures if it appears reasonable under the circumstances to do so.

[\[81 Acts, ch 206, §8\]](#)

810.10 Vacation of order.

On motion of the person named or described in the application, the issuing court shall vacate the nontestimonial identification order if the court finds that the order was improperly issued or that there are no longer sufficient grounds for issuance of the order.

[81 Acts, ch 206, §9]

810.11 Service of order.

The order issued pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall be served by a law enforcement officer by delivery of a copy of the order to the person named or described in the order.

[81 Acts, ch 206, §10]

810.12 Time of service.

1. The nontestimonial identification order shall be served upon the person named or described in the order within five days after its issuance, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, and shall be so served not later than twelve hours prior to the time of the person's required participation.

2. If the issuing court finds reasonable cause to believe that the person named or described in the application may either flee or alter or destroy the nontestimonial evidence sought, the court may direct a law enforcement officer to bring the person before the court. Upon presentation of the person, the court shall read the nontestimonial identification order to the person and afford a reasonable opportunity for the person to consult with a lawyer and to seek modification or vacation of the order. The court may then direct the person to participate immediately in the designated nontestimonial identification procedures. After the procedures have been completed, the person shall be released or charged with a felony.

[81 Acts, ch 206, §11]

810.13 Implementation of order.

Nontestimonial identification procedures may be conducted by any law enforcement officer or other person designated by the judge. The judge may require medical supervision for any test ordered pursuant to [this chapter](#) when the judge deems such supervision necessary. A person who appears under an order of appearance issued pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall not be detained longer than is reasonably necessary to conduct the specified nontestimonial identification procedures unless the person is arrested for a felony.

[81 Acts, ch 206, §12]

810.14 Failure to comply.

Any person who, without adequate excuse, fails to comply with a nontestimonial identification order served upon the person pursuant to [this chapter](#) may be held in contempt of the court which issued the order.

[81 Acts, ch 206, §13]

810.15 Return.

Within ten days after the nontestimonial identification procedure, the order shall be returned to the issuing court. The court, the prosecuting attorney, and the person who was the subject of the order, shall be furnished with a written report of the results of any tests or comparisons utilizing the evidence obtained in the authorized procedures. This report shall be disclosed promptly after it becomes available unless the court directs that disclosure be delayed.

[81 Acts, ch 206, §14]

810.16 Disposition of evidence.

If at the time of the return probable cause does not exist to believe that the person committed the felony specified in the application, the court shall order that the products of the nontestimonial identification procedures and all copies thereof, be promptly destroyed. Upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, the court may authorize further retention of the

nontestimonial evidence so obtained for such time as reasonably necessary to facilitate a continuing investigation or prosecution.

[[81 Acts, ch 206, §15](#)]