

## Deviation from Documented Procedures Form Texas DPS Crime Laboratory Houston Blood Alcohol Submissions

**Dates of Deviation:** 06/28/2022 – 07/18/2022

**Type of Deviation:** DPS Crime Laboratory Blood Alcohol Outsourcing Part 5

**Describe the Deviation:**

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Crime Laboratory Houston offered to test our blood alcohol samples after the BCSO Crime Laboratory withdrew our scope of accreditation with ANAB. Twenty samples are selected at a time. Our Toxicologist prepares the twenty samples by filling out the DPS Crime Laboratory submission form, ensuring there is sufficient sample for analysis, and moving the evidence to the overflow refrigerator. Investigators from the District Attorney's office are then picking up samples from the laboratory to submit to the DPS Crime Laboratory. Upon completion of analysis, a report is sent to the BCSO Crime Laboratory email. The investigators returns to retrieve the evidence submitted. If there are more cases to be submitted, the cycle repeats and the investigator picks up the previous twenty samples upon submission of the next twenty. A copy of the report from DPS Crime Laboratory Houston, this deviation, and a letter from the BCSO Crime Laboratory Director will be included in every case file.

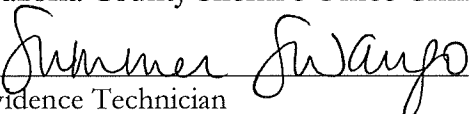
**Reason for Deviation:**

The BCSO Crime Laboratory has voluntarily suspended operations and withdrawn our scope of accreditation pertaining to Toxicology, both blood alcohol and blood drug, while we develop new methods. We are still currently accepting biological evidence but not testing at this time. According to the *Texas Administrative Code Title 37 Part 15 Chapter 651 Subchapter A*, accreditation is required of analysis that involves use in a criminal proceeding. Evidence is typically submitted with an offense listed. The BCSO Crime Laboratory could no longer produce reports viable for criminal proceedings.

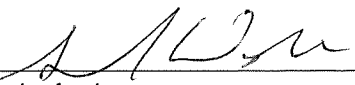
**Laboratory Number(s) (if applicable):**

BCCL-21-1319	BCCL-21-2224	BCCL-22-0302
BCCL-21-1507	BCCL-21-2245	BCCL-22-0365
BCCL-21-1903	BCCL-22-0159	BCCL-22-0565
BCCL-21-2050	BCCL-22-0212	BCCL-22-0634
BCCL-21-2136	BCCL-22-0232	BCCL-22-0649
BCCL-21-2154	BCCL-22-0251	BCCL-22-0665
BCCL-21-2166	BCCL-22-0296	

**Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory**

  
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Evidence Technician

7.18.22  
Date

  
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Toxicologist

7/18/22  
Date

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Effective Date: October 26, 2021

Issuing Authority: Upper Management  
Authorized for Distribution by Laboratory Director

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Quality Assurance Manager

18 July 2022  
Date

  
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Laboratory Director

18 July 2022  
Date