

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

Dates of Deviation: 08/09/2022 – 09/01/2022

Type of Deviation: DPS Crime Laboratory Blood Alcohol Outsourcing Part 8

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, if provided, 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The BCSO Crime Laboratory has voluntarily suspended operations and withdrawn our scope of accreditation pertaining to Toxicology, both blood alcohol and blood drug, while we develop new methods.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-21-1857	BCCL-21-2294	BCCL-22-0748
BCCL-21-1880	BCCL-22-0183	BCCL-22-0943
BCCL-21-1884	BCCL-22-0231	BCCL-22-1032
BCCL-21-1898	BCCL-22-0630	BCCL-22-1068
BCCL-21-1990	BCCL-22-0699	BCCL-22-1069
BCCL-21-2086	BCCL-22-0707	BCCL-22-1234
BCCL-21-2271	BCCL-22-0721	

Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory

Summer Swango
Evidence Technician

9.6.22
Date

[Signature]
Toxicologist

9/8/22
Date
9/7/22

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Issuing Authority: Upper Management
Authorized for Distribution by Laboratory Director


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Quality Assurance Manager

07th
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Date



Laboratory Director

06 Sept 2022

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