

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

Dates of Deviation: 09/20/2022 – 10/14/2022

Type of Deviation: DPS Crime Laboratory Blood Alcohol Outsourcing Part 11

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 and a contact at the District Attorney's office. If there are more cases to be submitted, the cycle repeats and the investigator picks up the previous twenty samples, if available, 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.

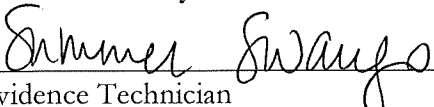
Reason for Deviation:

The BCSO Crime Laboratory has voluntarily suspended operations and withdrawn our scope of accreditation pertaining to Toxicology, both blood alcohol and blood drug, while we develop new methods.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-21-1911	BCCL-22-0802	BCCL-22-1048
BCCL-21-2270	BCCL-22-0803	BCCL-22-1067
BCCL-22-0141	BCCL-22-0899	BCCL-22-1114
BCCL-22-0323	BCCL-22-0935	BCCL-22-1214
BCCL-22-0439	BCCL-22-0972	BCCL-22-1239
BCCL-22-0594	BCCL-22-0973	BCCL-22-1561
BCCL-22-0788	BCCL-22-1019	

Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory


Evidence Technician

10.14.22
Date



Toxicologist


10-14-22
Date

Approval Date: October 26, 2021
Effective Date: October 26, 2021

Issuing Authority: Upper Management
Authorized for Distribution by Laboratory Director

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Quality Assurance Manager


Laboratory Director

14 Oct. 2022
Date
17 Oct 2022
Date