

## Quality Forensics Toxicology Outsourcing Part 19.1 Deviation from Documented Procedures Form

**Amended Deviation:** This is an amended deviation to the original Quality Forensics Toxicology Outsourcing Part 19 deviation dated 02/21/2023 to 04/06/2023 and signed 04/10/2023. This document reflects an omission of BCCL-22-2218 due to it being sent with the 18<sup>th</sup> batch and recorded in the Quality Forensics Toxicology Outsourcing Part 18 deviation. It also correctly identifies the analysis of BCCL-23-0141 for blood alcohol only instead of analysis of both blood alcohol and blood drugs.

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**Date of Deviation:** 02/21/2023 – 04/06/2023

**Type of Deviation:** Procedural. Quality Forensics Toxicology Outsourcing Part 19

**Describe the Deviation:** Since April of 2021, there has not been a second Toxicologist employed by the BCSO Crime Laboratory. Therefore, there was no analyst available for technical and administrative review of blood drug analysis. The current toxicologist ceased performing analysis, with the exception of urine specimens, after the voluntary withdrawal of Toxicological services from our scope of accreditation effective March 2, 2022. Since accreditation withdrawal, the laboratory has still been accepting biological specimens. We have found an outside laboratory, Quality Forensics Toxicology Laboratory in San Antonio, Texas, willing to test our biological evidence, both unanalyzed and previously analyzed. Laboratory staff prepare the samples by filling out the Quality Forensics submission form, ensuring there is sufficient sample for analysis, and moving the evidence to the overflow refrigerator. Samples are prepared and shipped via FedEx. Upon completion of analysis, a report is emailed to both the BCSO Crime Laboratory and a contact at the District Attorney's office. Any BCSO Crime Laboratory findings, in conjunction with the final report issued by the outside laboratory, will be available in each 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**Reason for Deviation:** The BCSO Crime Laboratory has voluntarily suspended operations and withdrawn our scope of accreditation pertaining to Toxicology, both blood alcohol and blood drug, while we develop new methods.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):** None of the cases sent in this batch were previously analyzed by the BCSO Crime Laboratory.

The following cases were analyzed for both blood alcohol and blood drug:

BCCL-22-1015

BCCL-22-1677

BCCL-22-2190

The following cases were analyzed for blood alcohol only:

BCCL-22-2153

BCCL-23-0141

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The following case was analyzed for blood drug only:

BCCL-22-1074

BCCL-22-1289

BCCL-23-0103

BCCL-22-1204

BCCL-22-1460

BCCL-23-0116

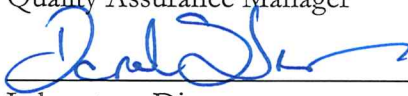
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