

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

Dates of Deviation: 06/07/2023 – 07/06/2023

Type of Deviation: DPS Crime Laboratory Blood Alcohol Outsourcing Part 27

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. Thirty or less samples are selected at a time. This batch includes 22 samples. Laboratory staff prepare the 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 set of samples, if available, upon submission of the next. 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.

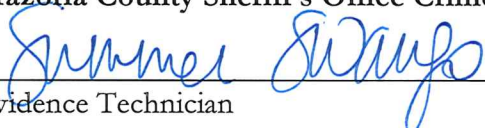
Reason for Deviation:

The BCSO Crime Laboratory has voluntarily suspended operations and withdrawn our scope of accreditation pertaining to Toxicology, both blood alcohol and blood drug, while we develop new methods.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.

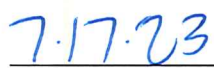
Laboratory Number(s) (if applicable):

BCCL-22-2119	BCCL-23-0726	BCCL-23-0833
BCCL-23-0460	BCCL-23-0729	BCCL-23-0836
BCCL-23-0577	BCCL-23-0731	BCCL-23-0887
BCCL-23-0630	BCCL-23-0735	BCCL-23-0910
BCCL-23-0646	BCCL-23-0743	BCCL-23-0924
BCCL-23-0672	BCCL-23-0795	BCCL-23-0925
BCCL-23-0692	BCCL-23-0799	
BCCL-23-0709	BCCL-23-0828	

Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory



Evidence Technician



Date

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Quality Assurance Manager



Laboratory Director

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