

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

Dates of Deviation: 12/11/2023 – 01/12/2024

Type of Deviation: DPS Crime Laboratory Blood Alcohol Outsourcing Part 36

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 27 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.

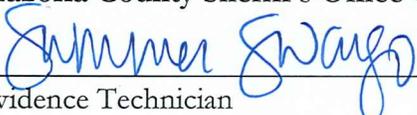
Reason for Deviation:

The BCSO Crime Laboratory has voluntarily suspended operations and withdrawn our scope of accreditation pertaining to Toxicology, both blood alcohol and blood drug, while we develop new methods.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-23-1201	BCCL-23-1768	BCCL-23-1896
BCCL-23-1406	BCCL-23-1769	BCCL-23-1913
BCCL-23-1621	BCCL-23-1797	BCCL-23-1914
BCCL-23-1636	BCCL-23-1798	BCCL-23-1917
BCCL-23-1637	BCCL-23-1814	BCCL-23-1949
BCCL-23-1638	BCCL-23-1832	BCCL-23-1953
BCCL-23-1687	BCCL-23-1833	BCCL-23-1970
BCCL-23-1714	BCCL-23-1861	BCCL-23-1985
BCCL-23-1754	BCCL-23-1876	BCCL-23-1988

Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory


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Date

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