



August 4, 2023

Empire State Development Corporation

633 3rd Ave
37th Floor
New York, NY

Videoconference Locations:

Shapiro Bldg., Rm. 5044, 70 Francis Street, Boston, MA

9:00 AM – 9:33 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Frederick Bieber, Ph.D.
Michael Coble, Ph.D.
Kathleen Corrado, Ph.D.
Kenneth Kidd, Ph.D.
Katherine Gettings, Ph.D.
Amanda Sozer, Ph.D.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Dean DeFruscio
Jill Dooley
Colleen Glavin, Esq.
Natasha Harvin-Locklear, Esq.
Katherine Mayberry
Shelley Palmer
Brianna Robinson
Lindsey Rockwell
Elizabeth Suparmanto

Other Attendees:

Misonara Ahmed – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology
Russell Gettig – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Thomas Leach – New York State Police Crime Laboratory

Kyra McKay – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology
 Julie Pizziketti – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 Meredith Rosenberg – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology
 Ray Wickenheiser – New York State Police Crime Laboratory

	<i>Approximate Video Times</i>
Dr. Dooley opened the meeting by welcoming new Chair, Dr. Michael Coble, to the New York State DNA Subcommittee. Dr. Coble acknowledged his gratitude to serve as the Chair and the honor it is to follow in the footsteps of Drs. Ferrara, Ballantyne, Adams, and Weir. Dr. Coble then conducted a roll call as members of the Subcommittee were in attendance in New York and virtually. A quorum was established with 6 members present (Bieber, Coble, Corrado, Gettings, Kidd, Sozer).	00:00:00 – 00:01:58 00:01:58 – 00:02:35
Dr. Coble then asked for a motion to approve the August 4, 2023, agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Kidd, and approved unanimously.	00:02:38 – 00:03:20
The Chair then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes from the May 12, 2023, meeting of the Subcommittee. Dr. Corrado made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Gettings, and approved with four votes (Bieber, Corrado, Gettings, Sozer) and 2 abstentions (Coble and Kidd).	00:03:22 – 00:04:30
Next, the Subcommittee reviewed Accreditation/Laboratory updates from the Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory, Monroe County Crime Laboratory, New York State Police Crime Laboratory and the Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research Division of Forensic Science. Representatives from the laboratories were available to answer questions as needed.	00:04:33– 00:07:49
The Chair then moved to Old Business. A verbal update was provided by Dr. Dooley on the Partial Match and Familial Search programs. The Familial Search program remains paused, awaiting a hearing of the appeal scheduled for September 14, 2023. There were no current CODIS bulletins; however, it is anticipated that by the end of August there will be a bulletin regarding an issue with the mitochondrial DNA CODIS PopStats.	00:07:51 – 00:16:28
The Subcommittee then reviewed disclosures from the New York State Police Crime Laboratory and New York City OCME, Department of Forensic Biology. Representatives from the laboratories were available to respond to members' questions.	00:16:31 – 00:21:57
Dr. Coble requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss matters relating to a current investigation or matters that may lead to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or suspension of a particular person. The motion was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Corrado. The motion was approved unanimously.	00:21:59 – 00:22:53
No action was taken in Executive Session.	

The Chair stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on November 3, 2023. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Kidd, and approved unanimously.

*Approximate
Video Times*
00:23:29 –
00:24:33

Note: Video of the meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/nyspublicsafety>



October 20, 2023

Ranee Ho
Onondaga County Center for
Forensic Sciences Laboratory
100 Elizabeth Blackwell Street
Syracuse, New York 13210

Dear Director Ho,

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The next assessment activity is scheduled to be a reassessment scheduled the week of September 29th, 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to quality and the accreditation process.

Sincerely,



Senior Manager of Accreditation
ANSI National Accreditation Board

cc: Kathleen Hum, Quality Assurance Manager
ANAB Office



CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The ANSI National Accreditation Board

Hereby attests that

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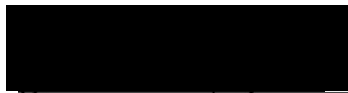
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In the field of

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Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 31 January 2025

Certificate Number: FT-0229





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Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Epithelial Cell	Chemical General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Digital and Video/Imaging Technology and Analysis		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Acquisition/Extraction	Digital Data	Software Program
Content Analysis	Digital Data	Software Program Visual

Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

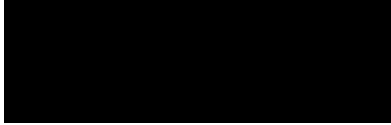


Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Distance Determination	Firearm Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

Discipline: Friction Ridge		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Ridge Detail	Chemical Physical Software Program
Individual Characteristic Database	Ridge Detail	Next Generation Identification System (NGI)
Physical Comparison	Ridge Detail	Software Program Visual

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Raman Spectroscopy Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Solid	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

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Pamela L. Sale
Vice President, Forensics



September 20, 2023

Donald Doller
Suffolk County Crime Laboratory
725 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Dear Chief Doller,

Congratulations! On September 20, 2023, ANAB approved the continuation of your organization's accreditation based upon the results of your recent surveillance activity. Continuation of accreditation is a formal acknowledgement that your organization continues to operate in conformance with accreditation requirements. The report was provided to you during the assessment activity.

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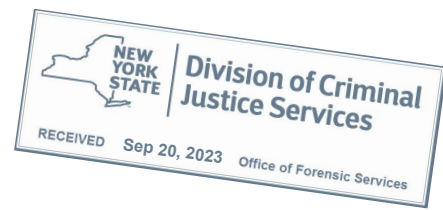
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Senior Manager of Accreditation
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cc: Inga Dorfman, Quality Manager
ANAB Office



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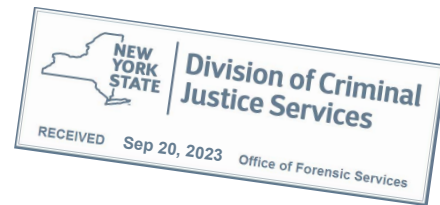
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Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 31 December 2025
Certificate Number: FT-0219





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Expiry Date: 31 December 2025

Certificate Number: FT-0219

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid	Chemical General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Document Examination		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Authentication	Document Substrate	General Microscopy Reference Collection Software Program Visual
Chemical/Physical Comparison	Content Document Fractured Item Stamp Substrate	General Microscopy Reference Collection Software Program Visual



Qualitative Determination	Content Copier Document Fractured Item Ink Printer Stamp Substrate	General Microscopy Reference Collection Software Program Visual
Recovery	Content Document	Electrostatic Detection Device General Microscopy Software Program Visual

Discipline: Fire Debris		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Distance Determination	Firearm Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition Fractured Item Tool/Toolmark	General Microscopy Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm	General Microscopy Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Visual
Trajectory Determination	Inspection/Test Result Physical Item	Not Applicable

Discipline: Impressions		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Footwear Tire	Chemical Physical Software Program

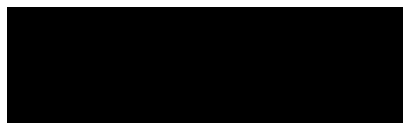
Physical Comparison	Footwear Physical Item Tire	Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Footwear Tire	Reference Collection

Discipline: Materials (Trace)		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Chemical/Physical Comparison	Coating Fiber/Textile Fractured Item General Unknown Glass Hair Metal Polymer Tape	Chemical Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Microspectrophotometry Refractometry Scanning Electron Microscopy Visual X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy
Qualitative Determination	Coating Fiber/Textile Filament General Unknown Glass Gunshot Residue Hair Metal Polymer Tape	Chemical Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Reference Collection Refractometry Scanning Electron Microscopy Visual X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy

Discipline: Scene Investigation		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Enhancement	Physical Item	Chemical Physical
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid	Chemical
Reconstruction	Inspection/Test Result Other Information Physical Item Scene	Not Applicable

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Microcrystalline Raman Spectroscopy Thin Layer Chromatography Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Liquid Chromatography
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

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Suffolk County Crime Laboratory
2023 - 17025T - Surveillance Assessment
Prepared by Lori Nix

Data collected on 2023-08-28

ANSI National Accreditation Board

United States

Description

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The ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) evaluated the competence of the laboratory and conformance with all applicable accreditation requirements for the scope of accreditation referenced in the assessment plan. Objective evidence of implementation was assessed. The results of an assessment activity are based on a sample of records, locations, and personnel that were available at the time of the activity. Witnessing is an additional technique used in most activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories & ANAB Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (AR 3125) evaluated over the accreditation cycle are summarized in the following broad categories:

General requirements related to the laboratory's commitment to impartiality and confidentiality in its activities.

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Process requirements related to the handling of test and calibration items in a manner to maintain the integrity of the item. Requirements for chain-of-custody of items to be tested and appropriate methods and procedures. Ensuring the required performance of the methods along with monitoring the validity of the results. Requirements to ensure results are supported by sufficient technical records and are reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously, and objectively. Procedures for nonconforming work and a documented process for handling complaints. Requirements related to the laboratory information management system protection and integrity of data and information.

Management system requirements related to policies and objectives appropriate for the scope of activities. Requirements to control internal and external documents and records. Requirements to address risks and opportunities and timely, well-documented corrective actions. Requirements for an internal audit program and management reviews.

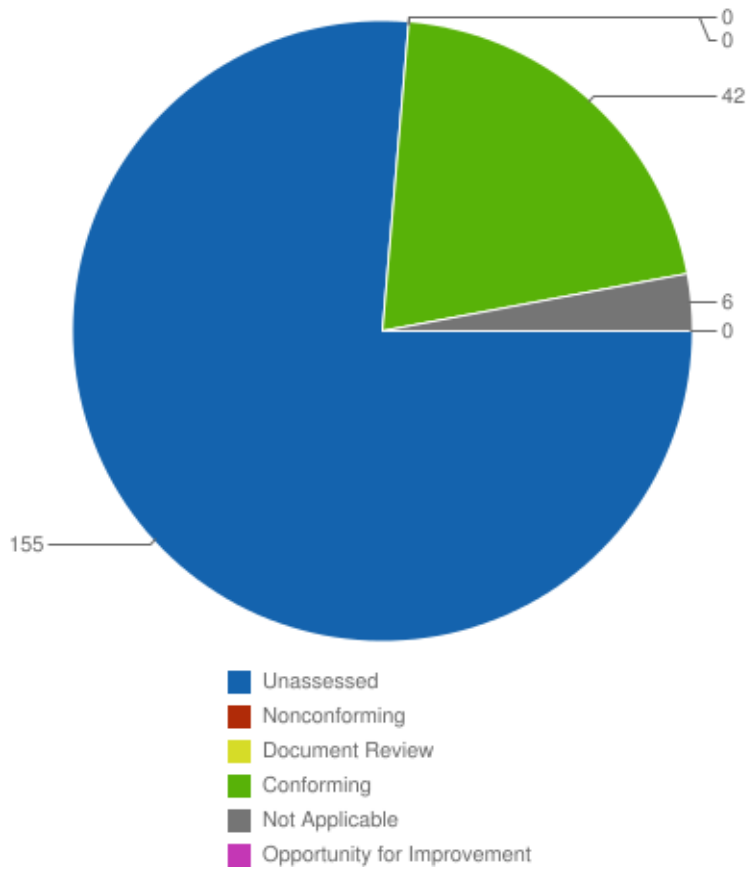
The accreditation activity also evaluates the laboratory's conformance with their own management system requirements.

ASSESSMENT RESULT:

Based on the assessment techniques and a sample of the objective evidence reviewed during the assessment activity, the assessment team found that the laboratory demonstrated competence to operate a management system that fulfills all applicable accreditation requirements, including those specified within their management system.

Any opportunities for improvement or nonconformities identified during this assessment activity are noted below. All nonconformities will be resolved prior to an accreditation decision by ANAB and a summary provided in a subsequent assessment activity report.

Summary of Comments



Audit Comments



August 14, 2023

Lydia de Castro
Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research
Division of Forensic Science
10 Dana Road
Valhalla, New York 10595

Dear Director de Castro,

Congratulations! On August 14, 2023, ANAB approved the continuation of your organization's accreditation based upon the results of your recent surveillance activity. Continuation of accreditation is a formal acknowledgement that your organization continues to operate in conformance with accreditation requirements. The report is included with this letter.

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The next assessment activity is scheduled to be a Reassessment in June 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to quality and the accreditation process.

Sincerely,



Jami St.Clair
Sr. Manager of Accreditation
ANSI National Accreditation Board

cc: Jennifer Reilly, Quality Manager
ANAB Office



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Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 28 February 2025
Certificate Number: FT-0155





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FORENSIC TESTING

Expiry Date: 28 February 2025

Certificate Number: FT-0155

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Epithelial Cell	Chemical General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Digital and Video/Imaging Technology and Analysis		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Acquisition/Extraction	Digital Data Image Multimedia Recording Video	Software Program
Authentication	Digital Data Image Multimedia Recording Video	Software Program

Content Analysis	Digital Data Image Multimedia Recording Video	Software Program Visual
Enhancement	Image Multimedia Recording Video	Software Program
Physical Comparison	Digital Data Image Multimedia Recording Video	Software Program Visual
Reconstruction	Inspection/Test Result Other Information Physical Item	Model Software Program
Transcoding	Digital Data Image Multimedia Recording Video	Software Program

Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Distance Determination	Firearm Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment
Qualitative Determination	Metal Nitrate	Chemical General Microscopy

Discipline: Impressions		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Enhancement	Footwear Physical Item Tire	Chemical Physical Software Program

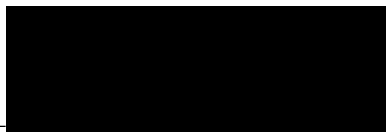
Physical Comparison	Footwear Fractured Item Physical Item Tire	Software Program Visual
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Chemical/ Physical Comparison	Adhesive Coating Fiber/Textile Fractured Item General Unknown Polymer Tape	Chemical Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Fluorescence Spectroscopy Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Microspectrophotometry Scanning Electron Microscopy Visual
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**Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research
Division of Forensic Science**

2023 - 17025T - Surveillance Document Review

Prepared by Tondala Bausano

Data collected on 2023-06-01

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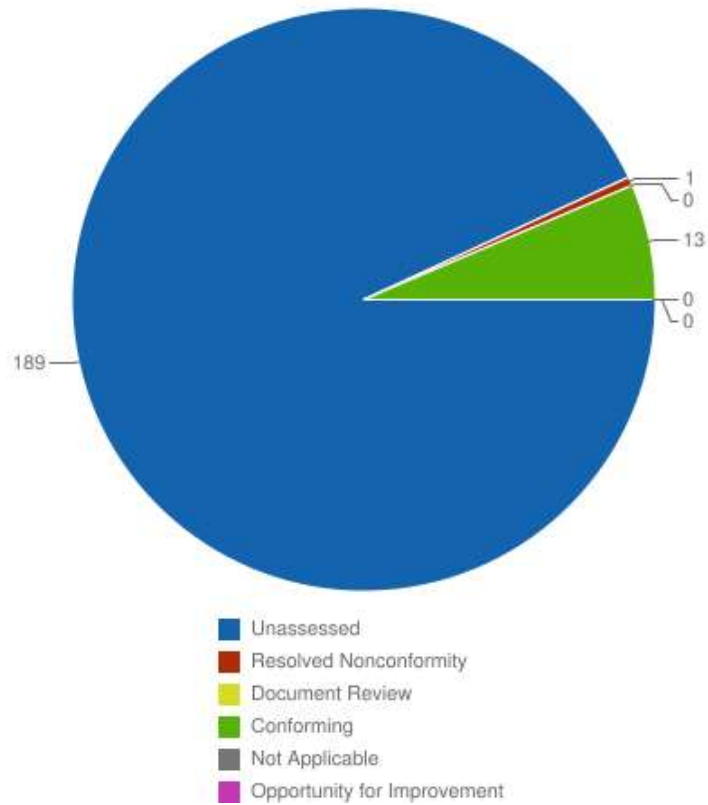
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Audit Comments

8.8 Internal audits (Option A)

8.8.2.b).1 ANAB Accreditation Requirement

Resolved Nonconformity

Requirement

Do internal audits include direct observation of a portion of accredited laboratory activities within each discipline?

Comments

This nonconformity was challenged. The challenge was not upheld. The resolution date was adjusted to ensure a full 60 day resolution period, the new date is reflected in this report.

Nonconformity Resolution Workflow

The 2022 internal audit did not include direct observation of a portion of accredited laboratory activities within the Impressions discipline.

Corrective Action Closure Note: The laboratory performed cause & extent analysis, revised the QA Manual, revised the Direct Observation form (QA-F103) and conducted 2023 internal audit direct observations. The revised QA Manual, revised form QA-F103, staff

notification record and 2023 internal audit direct observation records were reviewed. The nonconformity is resolved.



October 30, 2023

Pasquale Buffolino, Ph.D.
Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner
Division of Forensic Services
1194 Prospect Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590

Dear Dr. Buffolino,


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CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

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Hereby attests that

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Fulfills the requirements of

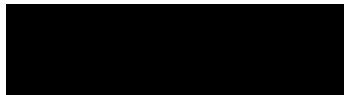
ISO/IEC 17025:2017

**Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2020**

In the field of

Forensic Testing

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FORENSIC TESTING

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Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Epithelial Cell	Chemical General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Function Evaluation	Air Gun Firearm Silencer	Force Gauge Measuring Equipment Visual

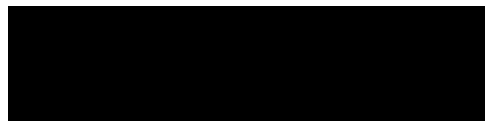


Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm	General Microscopy Reference Collection

Discipline: Friction Ridge		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Ridge Detail	Chemical Physical Software Program
Individual Characteristic Database	Ridge Detail	Next Generation Identification System (NGI)
Physical Comparison	Ridge Detail	Software Program Visual

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Raman Spectroscopy Thin-Layer Chromatography Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Solid	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

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2023 - 17025T - Surveillance Document Review

Prepared by Deedra Hughes

Data collected on 2023-10-01

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Description

This assessment report summarizes the outcome of the recent accreditation activity. A separate document, the assessment plan, provides information on the type of activity (*e.g.*, reassessment, surveillance activity, scope extension), the date(s) of the activity, the assessment team members, the requirement documents and refers to the scope of the discipline(s) assessed for each location. The assessment plan, together with this report, provide a complete picture of the accreditation activity.

The ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) evaluated the competence of the laboratory and conformance with all applicable accreditation requirements for the scope of accreditation referenced in the assessment plan. Objective evidence of implementation was assessed. The results of an assessment activity are based on a sample of records, locations, and personnel that were available at the time of the activity. Witnessing is an additional technique used in most activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories & ANAB Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (AR 3125) evaluated over the accreditation cycle are summarized in the following broad categories:

General requirements related to the laboratory's commitment to impartiality and confidentiality in its activities.

Structural requirements related to the range of activities, management structure, the authority, roles and responsibilities of personnel. Documented procedures which ensure a consistent application of activities and the validity of results.

Resource requirements related to the impartiality of personnel. Requirements for a training program, competency testing, authorizations, and ongoing monitoring to ensure the competence of personnel. Facility and security suitability for activities. Records and procedures for equipment to ensure proper functioning and where applicable, establishment of metrological traceability. Requirements for externally provided products and services.

Process requirements related to the handling of test and calibration items in a manner to maintain the integrity of the item. Requirements for chain-of-custody of items to be tested and appropriate methods and procedures. Ensuring the required performance of the methods along with monitoring the validity of the results. Requirements to ensure results are supported by sufficient technical records and are reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously, and objectively. Procedures for nonconforming work and a documented process for handling complaints. Requirements related to the laboratory information management system protection and integrity of data and information.

Management system requirements related to policies and objectives appropriate for the scope of activities. Requirements to control internal and external documents and records. Requirements to address risks and opportunities and timely, well-documented corrective actions. Requirements for an internal audit program and management reviews.

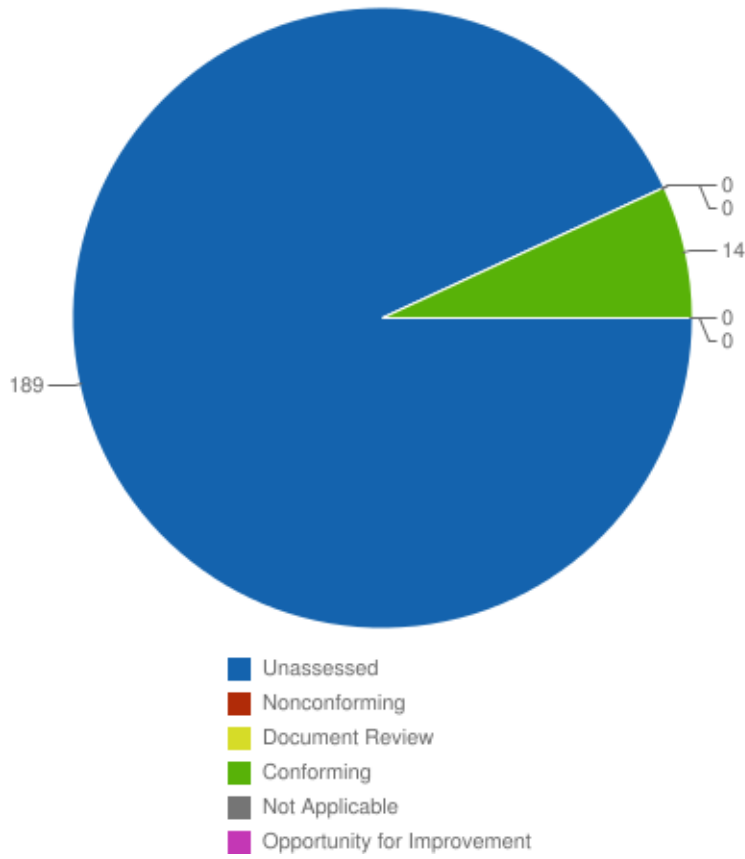
The accreditation activity also evaluates the laboratory's conformance with their own management system requirements.

ASSESSMENT RESULT:

Based on the assessment techniques and a sample of the objective evidence reviewed during the assessment activity, the assessment team found that the laboratory demonstrated competence to operate a management system that fulfills all applicable accreditation requirements, including those specified within their management system.

Any opportunities for improvement or nonconformities identified during this assessment activity are noted below. All nonconformities will be resolved prior to an accreditation decision by ANAB and a summary provided in a subsequent assessment activity report.

Summary of Comments



Audit Comments
