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To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

From: Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences

Subject: Evidence Submission and Crime Scene assistance

Effective July 1, 2011, the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences (ADFS) Laboratories in the following locations will be closed: Florence, Jacksonville, and Dothan. In addition to the closing of the above mentioned satellite laboratories, ADFS will cease all crime scene assistance. The only exception will be for specialty crime scene services such as bullet trajectory and blood spatter interpretation, with prior approval from the appropriate Biology or Firearms Discipline Chief and /or the Director.

Any agencies that submit evidence for analyses that are affected by these closings can submit their drug evidence at any ADFS laboratory. ADFS recommends that affected agencies submit their drug evidence to the regional laboratory (Mobile, Montgomery, Hoover, or Huntsville) they currently utilize for DNA and Firearms analysis.

The Laboratories in Auburn and Tuscaloosa will continue to accept only drug chemistry cases at this time.

To assist in this modification of evidence submission practice, we suggest contacting the new receiving laboratory prior to your first submission.

As is currently Department policy, any sealed evidence will be accepted by common carrier (U. S. mail, UPS, FedEx, etc). Fire debris, as well as toxicology cases, will continue to be submitted in Hoover, either in person or by common carrier.

We regret any hardship or confusion this change may cause.