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CRIME LABORATORY

Accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors-Lab Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB)

The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation maintains a full-service laboratory in Raleigh, North Carolina and a limited-service laboratory in Asheville, North Carolina for the purpose of examining all types of evidence related to criminal investigations. Specially trained personnel staff both laboratories providing laboratory services free of charge to any public law enforcement agency in North Carolina, including local, state, federal, military, and railroad police organizations.

The laboratory provides the following: consultation on the value, use, collection, and preservation of evidence; analysis of evidence; and expert testimony in court proceedings. Additionally, assistance is available by request for collecting evidence and processing crime scenes.

Both laboratories are normally open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Services are available twenty-four hours a day for emergency situations.

The Crime Laboratory is a participant in The Crime Laboratory Accreditation Program, established by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD). Accreditation is part of the Crime Laboratory's quality assurance program in maintaining standards in management, operations, personnel, procedures, equipment, physical plant, security and health/safety procedures. The SBI Crime Laboratory initially met the accreditation criteria in 1988 and is reaccredited every five years with a full review of the laboratory including an on site inspection of the forensic disciplines.

The limited-service Western Regional Laboratory is staffed with two support personnel and five forensic analysts specializing in the analyzation of Drug Chemistry, Arson, and Latent evidence. The Western Lab serves thirty North Carolina western counties and analyzes approximately 5100 submissions annually.

The Raleigh Laboratory comprises six sections with expertise in multiple disciplines. Approximately 30,000 submissions are analyzed annually. Highlights of these individual sections are as follows:

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