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The GBI Crime Laboratory is committed to providing quality and timely forensic services to the criminal justice system in Georgia. Unfortunately, limited resources, an increase in requests for analysis, and analytical challenges associated with certain types of testing have made it difficult for the GBI-DOFS Chemistry discipline to provide timely and quality forensic services. Effective 7/11/2022, the following changes will be implemented to better focus available resources so that analysis will be performed for a greater number of submissions in a timelier fashion:

- Submissions that are considered a residue, including paraphernalia and syringe contents, will not be routinely analyzed and will be returned without analysis. This includes previously submitted items as well as new submissions.
- In felony submissions of leafy material where the amount is less than one ounce, only one bag will be analyzed.
- Only the evidence items that are analyzed will be included on the official report
- When a request consists of multiple items, items suspected to contain a scheduled drug will be tested before any suspected marijuana. If analysis confirms the presence of a scheduled item in the item selected for analysis, no further analysis will be performed.
- Qualitative testing (no purity determination) for tetrahydrocannabinol will be performed on submissions of oils, including “vapes”. These submissions will not routinely be analyzed for other types of compounds. Please see the Service Manual located here (<https://dofs-gbi.georgia.gov/departments/chemistry>) for additional information regarding this change.

If you have any questions or concerns about this bulletin, please contact me at Cleveland.Miles@gbj.ga.gov or 404-270-8082.

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