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GBI CRIME LAB OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2022-03 OUTSOURCING OF FORENSIC BIOLOGY CASES August 23, 2022

The GBI Crime Laboratory is committed to providing quality and timely forensic services to the criminal justice system in Georgia. Due to the volume of backlogged requests for forensic biology analysis (DNA), the Crime Laboratory continues to use grant funding to outsource these cases to qualified private testing laboratories as noted in GBI Crime Lab Operations Bulletin 2009-02. Grant funds continue to be allocated for outsourcing of forensic biology cases to assist the Crime Laboratory in meeting the needs of our customers. The focus of the outsourcing will be on DNA analysis to decrease the DNA backlog and increase the number of DNA profiles from crime scene evidence being entered into the DNA database (CODIS).

The reports generated by the outsource vendor are posted on our secure report website under the applicable DOFS case number. We will work with our district attorneys as needed on outsourced cases that require testimony by reanalyzing any items, where possible, in a case prior to trial and providing testimony. When testimony is needed, please contact the Forensic Biology Section Manager or appropriate regional lab manager via the contact information below to subpoena GBI lab personnel. If the district attorney's office chooses to have the subcontracted laboratory personnel testify, the office should communicate directly with the subcontracted laboratory. The district attorney's office will be fiscally responsible for any incurred fees.

- Headquarters (Decatur) Section Manager – James Sebestyen at (404) 270-8013
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- Coastal (Pooler) Lab Manager – Ross Butler at (912) 921-5814
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- Southwestern (Moultrie) Lab Manager – Lonnie Ginsberg at (229) 891-7158
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Those agencies that wish to retract approval for their cases to be outsourced should contact Crime Lab Assistant Deputy Director Tammy Jergovich at Tammy.Jergovich@gbi.ga.gov or 404-270-8075. A lack of response will be taken as continued approval to outsource. We appreciate your support as we continue to address the Forensic Biology case backlog.

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