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Due to revenue shortfalls, the State of Georgia cut Agency budgets throughout State government. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Division of Forensic Sciences has not been exempt from these cuts. It is, therefore, necessary for the DOFS to take steps to maximize the resources we have in order to best serve our customers. Beginning this date, operational changes 1 and 2 are in effect:

- 1. Firearms that are submitted for NIBIN (IBIS) entry will no longer be routinely processed for latent prints. Firearms submitted for NIBIN (IBIS) entry must therefore, be examined for latent prints prior to submission to the laboratory.**
- 2. No lab testing will be performed on suspected drug items that exhibit logos identifying that item as a substance listed in the Dangerous Drug Act without a specific request from the District Attorney's Office. These items will be reported as, "No analysis was performed because item markings/logo identification is consistent with [pharmacological drug classification, such as antibiotic, decongestant ...], a Dangerous Drug or unscheduled preparation. If positive identification of this item is required, please contact the scientist listed below."**
- 3. Effective July 1, 2003, body transport services will no longer be available. It will be the responsibility of each county to transport their postmortem cases to the appropriate lab site. After hours, holidays, and week-end services will only be available at the GBI Headquarters facility located in Decatur, GA.**

The DOFS will make every effort to meet the needs of the law enforcement community. These operational changes are designed to maximize resources and to increase laboratory productivity. Should you require service that is not offered on a routine basis please contact the DOFS and we will make every effort to meet your needs. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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