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OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2020-03 MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Suspension of Operations of Central Regional (Macon) Medical Examiner Office

ATTENTION: Coroners, Death Investigation Specialists, Medical Examiners, District Attorneys and Law Enforcement

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This operations bulletin is to inform you that the Central Regional (Macon) GBI Medical Examiner Office is scheduled to suspend operations indefinitely, effective October 1, 2020. Significant efforts were undertaken to avoid this result, but, at the current time, it is best advised to provide notice to you of the distinct possibility that the office will suspend operation at this time.

Currently, the last day this office will perform postmortem examinations prior to the aforesaid suspension of operations, will be Friday, September 25, 2020.

The reasons for the office closure include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

1. The medical examiner at this location is retiring
2. GBI MEO has been actively trying to recruit another pathologist to work in the Macon ME office since December 13, 2019 and we have yet to receive any qualified applicants

Attached to this bulletin is a list of counties that currently report to the Macon MEO and the location to which they will be reporting starting on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

The GBI has steadfastly endeavored to keep the Macon MEO operational, but it is not possible to avert this unfortunate direction at this time.

The remainder of the crime laboratory at this location will remain operational.

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Berrien – Pooler	Macon - HQ
Bibb – HQ	Miller - HQ
Bleckley – HQ	Mitchell - HQ
Brooks – HQ	Peach - HQ
Calhoun – HQ	Pulaski - Pooler
Clay – HQ	Quitman - HQ
Clinch – Pooler	Randolph - HQ
Coffee – Pooler	Schley - HQ
Colquitt – HQ	Seminole - HQ
Cook – HQ	Sumter - HQ
Crawford – HQ	Terrell - HQ
Crisp – HQ	Thomas - HQ
Decatur – HQ	Tift - HQ
Dooly – HQ	Turner - HQ
Dougherty – HQ	Twiggs - HQ
Early – HQ	Webster - HQ
Echols – Pooler	Wilcox – Pooler
Grady – HQ	Wilkinson - Pooler
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