



Richland County Sheriff's Department

Forensic Sciences Laboratory

Forensic Management

RCSD Contract Services

FORENSIC SERVICES		(effective 1.1.2026)	STANDARD	RUSH*
Crime Scene Services				
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis	Review and examination of bloodstain case files and evidence to answer specific investigative questions related to the scene as defined by the customer.	\$242/hr/analyst	\$455/hr/analyst	
Crime Scene Processing	Crime scene response for documentation and collection of evidence such as latent prints, footwear/tire tread, bloodstains, and impact points.	\$242/hr/analyst, 1 hr min	\$455/hr/analyst	
Latent Print Processing	Processing evidence items to develop and collect latent prints; may include DNA collection.	\$242/hr	\$455/hr	
AFIS Entry	Evaluation and search of fingerprint evidence through SC AFIS and/or NGI databases. Positive results require latent print examination.	\$222/hr, 1 hr min	\$435/hr	
Latent Print Examination	Evaluation and comparison of fingerprint evidence against a known subject. Requires verification of results by a second qualified examiner.	\$222/hr, 1 hr min	\$435/hr	
Latent Print Verification/Review (Required)	Evaluation and comparison of fingerprint evidence against a known subject by second examiner. Includes Admin/Tech Review.	\$222/hr, 1 hr min	\$435/hr	
DNA Services				
CSC (Rape) Kit	Serological testing and subsequent DNA analysis of items as a result of a sexual assault investigation.	\$1020	\$2060	
DNA Analysis	STR DNA analysis of items to identify the origin of biological material.	\$470/item	\$950/item	
DNA processing/Serology testing/M-Vac Collection	Visual and serological examination of items for subsequent DNA analysis. M-Vac Collection allows for the collection of biological material across large substrates or surfaces. (Bone samples require processing and analysis for each sample.)	\$140/item	\$205/item	
Drug Identification Services				
Drug Analysis	Qualitative analysis of items to identify the presence of controlled substances or other compounds of interest.	\$242/item	\$455/item	
THC Quantitation	Visual examination and semi-quantitative determination of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9 THC) for plant material exhibits suspected to be marijuana.	\$396/item	\$750/item	
Firearm and Toolmark Section Services				
Distance Determination (Note: This is not an ANAB accredited service.)	Physical and/or chemical processing of a given item to determine how far the muzzle was from the target at the time of firing, entry vs. exit defects, whether a defect is consistent with the passage of a projectile, or case specific requests. Requires verification of results by a second qualified examiner.	\$505/hr	\$955/hr	
Firearm Exam	Microscopic examination and comparison of all submitted firearms related evidence to include guns, fired ammunition components, and unfired ammunition to determine caliber, number of firearms involved, list of possible firearms used, and/or if a specific firearm was used. Requires microscopic verification of results by a second qualified examiner.	\$295/hr (\$10 consumable per additional test fire)	\$595/hr (\$10 consumable per additional test fire)	
Tool Mark and Fracture Match Exam	Microscopic examination and comparison of any tool and/or tool marks submitted to determine type of tool used or if a particular tool was used. Also includes physical and fracture match of items to determine if two or more items were once one item. Requires microscopic verification of results by a second qualified examiner.	\$295/hr	\$595/hr	
Serial Number Restoration	Physical and/or chemical restoration of an obliterated surface to determine the serial number. Requires verification of results by a second qualified examiner.	\$295/hr	\$595/hr	
Verification/Review (Required)	Technical and Administrative Review of the case jacket by a second qualified examiner.	\$285/hr	\$585/hr	
NIBIN Exam/Verification/Review	Microscopic comparison of the items listed on the Unconfirmed NIBIN Lead. Requires Verification and Review by a second qualified examiner.		\$215/hr	
A \$65 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH CASE.				
Forensic Consultation/Deposition, Trial Preparation, and Trial Appearances			\$425/hour ** (All travel time, court stand-by/testimony, and return travel)	Extended delays-\$425/hour for standard workday (7.5 or 8.5 hours)**
Case acceptance is determined based on the service requested, current workload of the section and examiner(s), personnel availability, and other practical considerations. All cases must be approved prior to submission.				
Quotes for service will be provided upon request; however, each case is unique, and the price quoted is subject to change based on the evidence and case circumstances. An invoice will be provided after analysis is complete. This quote does not reflect potential travel and courtroom fees of \$425/hour, plus additional expenses such as per diem, lodging, and flight, regardless of the agency issuing the subpoena.				