



## Richland County Sheriff's Department Forensic Sciences Laboratory

### Notice to Our Customers


Our laboratory provides services in the following forensic disciplines:

- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Drug Identification
- Firearms and Tool Mark Analysis
- Latent Print Comparison/Processing
- Serology and DNA Analysis

Test methods, including those for sampling, are selected to meet the customer's needs and are appropriate for the tests undertaken. The Richland County Sheriff's Department Forensic Sciences Laboratory does not allow the customer to select the test method utilized for examination. The laboratory will select appropriate methods that, when applicable, have been published either in international, national, or regional standards, or by reputable technical organizations, relevant scientific texts or journals, or as specified by the manufacturer of the equipment, and/or have been generally accepted by the scientific community. Methods adopted by the laboratory or developed in the laboratory may be used if they are suitable for the intended purpose and if they are validated or verified as appropriate. Notification of the method will be in the Richland County Sheriff's Department Forensic Sciences Laboratory report.

Please note that laboratory personnel reserve the right to:

- reject for testing those items that do not meet acceptance or testing criteria
- conduct testing beyond that requested by the customer
- consume items during analysis in the case of limited sample size
- conduct alternate testing if the method(s) proposed by the customer is inappropriate or out-of-date
- select the sub-contracting laboratory (as relevant) if unspecified by the customer

  
Major Anna Cavanagh, Laboratory Director

  
Leon L. Lott, Sheriff

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