



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO: ISO/IEC 17025:2017

**Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2025**

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FORENSIC TESTING

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Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid	Chemical Fluorescence Spectroscopy General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Distance Determination	Firearm Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment
Function Evaluation	Air Gun Firearm Tool	Force Gauge Measuring Equipment Visual

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Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition Tool/Toolmark	General Microscopy Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm Metal Nitrate/Nitrite Tool	Chemical General Microscopy Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

Discipline: Friction Ridge		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Ridge Detail	Chemical Physical Software Program
Individual Characteristic Database	Ridge Detail	Next Generation Identification System (NGI)
Physical Comparison	Ridge Detail	Software Program Visual

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Thin-Layer Chromatography Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

Discipline: Toxicology – General Testing		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Electrochemical Gas Chromatography Immunoassay Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Microdiffusion Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visible Spectroscopy
Qualitative Determination (Volatile)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Quantitative Measurement	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Quantitative Measurement (Volatile)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography

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