



CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The ANSI National Accreditation Board

Hereby attests that

**Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences
Crime Laboratory**

1861 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Texas 77054 USA

Fulfills the requirements of

ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)

ABFT Forensic Toxicology Laboratory Accreditation Requirements: 2021

FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories: 2020

In the field of

Forensic Testing

This certificate is valid only when accompanied by a current scope of accreditation document.
The current scope of accreditation can be verified at www.anab.org.


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Expiry Date: 31 January 2027
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“see locations listed below”

FORENSIC TESTING

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Crime Laboratory
1861 Old Spanish Trail
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Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Distance Determination	Firearm Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Dead Weight Force Gauge Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Software Program Visual

Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm Metal Nitrate	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

Discipline: Materials (Trace)		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Qualitative Determination	Gunshot Residue	Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Scanning Electron Microscopy

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visible Spectroscopy Visual
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance


Discipline: Toxicology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Colorimetry Gas Chromatography Immunoassay Infrared Spectroscopy Ion Specific Electrode Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Microdiffusion Visible Spectroscopy

Qualitative Determination (Volatiles)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography
Quantitative Measurement	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Electrochemical Gas Chromatography Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Visible Spectroscopy
Quantitative Measurement (Volatiles)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography

DNA Laboratory
2450 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77021 USA

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
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 General Microscopy Immunoassay

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