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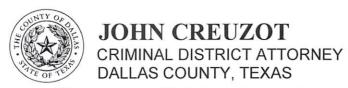
NOTICE:

Dallas County District Attorney's Office's Release of Request to Preserve Blood Evidence analyzed by Christopher Youngkin, Forensic Scientist, Texas DPS Garland Laboratory

Dear colleagues:

In 2017, this office sent a notification letter to you and published on this office's website the official Texas DPS laboratory's Quality Incident Report related to Texas DPS Garland Laboratory Forensic Scientist Christopher Youngkin. We also published a list of cases involving testing performed or reviewed by Youngkin ranging from May 2013 through October 2016. The notification stemmed from an incident in May 2013 in which Youngkin mistakenly switched blood tubes causing incorrect results to be reported in two blood alcohol cases from another jurisdiction. Youngkin's subsequent testimony in cases as it related to the 2013 issue raised concern regarding his veracity in testimony. His case work was not at issue.

In addition to the posted disclosure, this office also directed attorneys and defendants who sought review of their case or post-conviction relief to contact the trial court prosecutors to make that request. To date, this Office has received minimal response related to this disclosure. This office further requested all law enforcement agencies and relevant forensic laboratories to preserve all blood evidence in their possession that was analyzed by the DPS Garland Laboratory due to potential retesting.



The purpose of this letter is to inform you that thirty days from the date of this letter, this office will rescind its request to law enforcement agencies and forensic labs to preserve the blood evidence mentioned above. Said evidence will therefore be eligible for destruction and likely unavailable for further testing.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Conviction Integrity Unit at 214-653-3600.

Sincerely,

John Creugos