



## **COURT ORDER 2025-0438**

### **Proposed New Autopsy Service Fee for Office of the Medical Examiner**

On a motion made by Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, and seconded by Commissioner Andrew Sommerman, the following order was passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, State of Texas:

BRIEFING DATE: April 15, 2025

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

Be it resolved and ordered that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby approve the proposed revisions to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences fee schedule and authorizes implementation of the revised fee schedule effective May 1, 2025.

Done in open Court April 15, 2025 by the following vote:

IN FAVOR:	County Judge Clay Jenkins, Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel, Commissioner John Wiley Price, Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, and Commissioner Andrew Sommerman
OPPOSED:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None

Recommended by: Jessica Dwyer  
Originating Department: Forensics



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**Office of the Medical Examiner Service Fees**

Code		Service Description	Fee
3312	1000	Autopsy - Level I	2475
3312	1007	Autopsy - Level II	3160
3312	1018	Autopsy - Level III	3740
3312	1019	Autopsy – Partial	1950
3312	1001	External Examination	1325
3312	1002	Expert Witness(hearing, trial) - criminal case/per 1/2 day	865
3312	1003	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	460
3312	1006	Photomicroscopy of Tissue Specimens/per hour	63
3312	1008	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - criminal case/per hour	259
3312	1009	Expert Witness (deposition, hearing, trial) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	635
3312	1011	Anthropology Autopsy Consult - Brief	1179
3312	1012	Anthropology Autopsy Consult - Intermediate	1438
3312	1013	Anthropology Autopsy Consult - Advanced	2875
3312	1014	Anthropology Species Determination	230
3312	1015	Anthropology Radiographic Comparison	460
3312	1016	Anthropology Expert Witness (deposition, trial) - per ½ day	420
3312	1017	Anthropology Expert Consult - per hour	115
3312	1200	Autopsy/External Examination Report - Notarized Copy	15
3312	1201	Autopsy/External Examination Report - Copy	5
3312	1202	Cremation Certificate	30
3312	1203	Interrogatory/response	25
3312	1204	Proof of Death Certificate	5
3312	1205	Cause of Death Report	5
3312	1206	Non-Contagious Disease Certification letter	20
3312	1207	Affidavit	10
3312	1208	Death Certificate/OME portion, Replacement	20
3312	1209	Copy charge - miscellaneous/per page	0.1
3312	1210	CD copy charge	1
3312	1211	DVD copy charge	3
3312	1301	Color print from slide - 8" x 10"	7
3312	1302	Color print from digital image - 8" x 10"	3
3312	1400	Histology/recut/H&E stain/per slide	9
3312	1402	Histology/recut/special stain-level 2/per slide	25
3312	1403	Histology/recut/special stain-level 3/per slide	48
3312	1404	Histology/recut/special stain-level 4/per slide	90
3312	1500	Evidence Shipping/Destruction/per package	32
3312	1502	Use of Institute facilities	173
3312	1503	Indigent cremation - adult reimbursement	500
3312	1504	Support staff services/per hour	15
3312	1505	Mileage/per diem reimbursement (IFS staff travel for other jurisdictions)/per unit	1
3312	1506	Reimbursement - external agency services/per unit	1
3312	1507	Indigent cremation - infant/skeletonized reimbursement	125
3312	1508	Indigent burial - adult reimbursement	3240
3312	1509	Indigent burial - infant/skeletonized reimbursement	1740

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***Criminal Investigation Laboratory Service Fees (all Sections)***

Code	Service Description	Fee
3311 7700	Expert Witness (hearing, trial)-criminal case/per 1/2 day	518
3311 7702	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	288
3311 7703	Expert Witness (deposition, hearing, trial) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	403
3311 7706	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - criminal case/per hour	132
3311 7708	Support staff services/per hour	15
3311 7709	Evidence Registration/per container	25
3311 7710	Evidence Release/Shipping/per container	15
3311 7711	Specimen/Materials Storage /per year	72
3311 7712	Response to Interrogatories/per 1/2 hour	40
3311 7713	Duplication charge/Scientist/per 1/2 hour	40
3311 7714	Certified copy of lab report	15
3311 7715	Copy Charge-Miscellaneous/per page	0.1
3311 7716	Affidavit	10
3311 7717	Use of Institute facilities	173
3311 7718	Evidence photography/per 1/2 hour	40
3311 7728	CD Copy	1
3311 7729	DVD copy	3
3311 7720	Color print from slide - 8" x 10"	7
3311 7730	Color print from digital image - 8" x 10"	3
3311 7726	Mileage/per diem reimbursement (IFS staff travel for other jurisdictions)/per unit	1
3311 7727	Reimbursement - external agency services/per unit	1
3311 7731	Evidence repackaging/per 1/2 hour	40

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***Toxicology Laboratory Service Fees***

Code		Service Description	Fee
3311	2001	Drug Screen - Acidic Neutral	98
3311	2002	Drug Screen - Alkaline	98
3311	2003	Alcohols/Acetone	31
3311	2004	Drug Screen - Solvents/Volatiles	102
3311	2007	Legal Alcohol/Analysis and Affidavit	53
3311	2009	Drug Screen - Immunoassay, additional drug	7
3311	2016	Drug Screen - Synthetic Cannabinoids	102
3311	2018	Drug Quantitation - Valproic Acid	62
3311	2020	Drug Quantitation - Cocaine/Opiates	109
3311	2024	Drug Quantitation - Benzodiazepines	102
3311	2025	Drug Quantitation - Marihuana/Cannabinoids	102
3311	2027	Drug Quantitation - Acetaminophen	62
3311	2034	Carbon Monoxide	41
3311	2036	Drug Quantitation - GHB	102
3311	2044	Drug Quantitation - Ethylene Glycol	79
3311	2060	Other Analytical - Special Services/half hour	41
3311	2068	Drug Quantitation - Salicylates	64
3311	2076	Vitreous Humor Electrolytes	48
3311	2086	pH	31
3311	2094	Drug Screen - Immunoassay	41
3311	2099	Drug Screen - QTOF	144
3311	2100	Drug Quantitation - Stimulants and Related Drugs	102
3311	2101	Drug Quantitation - Antidepressants/Antipsychotics, I	109
3311	2102	Drug Quantitation - Antidepressants/Antipsychotics, II	102
3311	2103	Drug Quantitation - Over the Counter Drugs	102
3311	2104	Drug Quantitation - Miscellaneous Alkaline Drugs, I	102

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***Drug Analysis Laboratory Service Fees***

Code		Service Description	Fee
3311	2302	Exploratory Qualitative	30
3311	2303	Sample Preparation	39
3311	2304	Infrared Spectroscopy	95
3311	2305	Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry	102
3311	2307	Quantitative Analysis - Methamphetamine	109
3311	2308	Cannabinoids	58
3311	2309	Cannabis Seed Germination	41
3311	2311	Other Analytical - Special Services/half hour	41
3311	2312	Tentative Identification	30
3311	2313	Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry	102
3311	2314	Quantitative Analysis - THC	125

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***Breath Alcohol Technical Supervisor Service Fees***

<u>Code</u>		<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
3313	2600	Basic Service (in County)	978
3313	2601	Basic Service (out-of-County)	1150
3313	2602	Additional Instrument/ Instrument	86
3313	2603	Repair Part Reimbursement	1
3313	2604	Supply Reimbursement	1
3313	2605	Other Analytical-Special Services/half hour	40
3313	2700	Expert Witness(hearing, trial) - criminal case/per 1/2 day	518
3313	2702	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	288
3313	2703	Expert Witness (deposition, hearing, trial) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	403
3313	2720	Expert Witness - ALR Hearing/per hour	403
3313	2706	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - criminal case/per hour	132
3313	2708	Support staff services/per hour	15
3313	2710	Response to Interrogatories/per 1/2 hour	40
3313	2721	Response to Interrogatories - ALR/per 1/2 hour	40
3313	2711	Duplication charge/Scientist/per 1/2 hour	40
3313	2712	Certified copy of lab report	15
3313	2713	Copy Charge - Miscellaneous/per page	0.1
3313	2714	Affidavit	10
3313	2715	Use of Institute Facilities	173
3313	2716	Evidence photography/per 1/2 hour	40
3313	2717	Mileage/per diem reimbursement (IFS staff travel for other jurisdictions)/per unit	1
3313	2718	Reimbursement - external agency services/per unit	1
3313	2719	CD copy	1
3313	2722	DVD copy	3

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**Physical Evidence Laboratories Service Fees**

**Physical Evidence - All Laboratories**

Code	Service Description		Fee
3311	3100	Physical Match/Fit (All PES Units)	49
3311	3101	Photography for Court/Demonstration (All PES Units)/per half hour	40
3311	3102	Evidence Documentation for Court/Demonstration (All PES Units)	81
3311	3103	Other Analytical-Special Services/half hour	40
3311	3104	Archived Evidence Research/per hour	81
3311	3106	Technical review /per 1/2 hour	40
3311	3107	Evidence Search/Removal/per 1/2 Hour	40
3311	3108	Evidence preparation for testing/per 1/2 hour	40
3311	3109	Sample Prep (Transfer to external agency)/per sample	53
3311	3110	Car search/per 1/2 hour	40
3311	3111	Trace Evidence Collection/per item	53
3311	3112	Hair standard evaluation for DNA testing/per 1/2 hour	40
3311	3113	Biological Evidence Storage/per sample	53
3311	3114	Biological Evidence Removal/per sample	9

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**Physical Evidence Laboratories Service Fees**  
**Firearms/Toolmarks**

Code		Service Description	Fee
3311	3401	General Rifling Characteristics File Search/per item	40
3311	3403	Mechanical Evaluation of Weapon/per item	81
3311	3404	Test Fire/per item	21
3311	3407	Serial Number Restoration/per item	81
3311	3412	Toolmark Replication/per test mark	40
3311	3413	Microscopic comparison of toolmark/per item	81
3311	3415	Bullet Identification/per item	40
3311	3416	Cartridge Case Identification/per item	40
3311	3417	Microscopic Comparison of Bullet/per item	81
3311	3418	Microscopic Comparison of Cartridge Case/per item	81
3311	3420	Test Firing for Range of Fire/per hour	81
3311	3423	Sodium Rhodizonate/Greiss Test for GSR/per defect	92
3311	3424	Microscopic Search for GSR/per defect	49
3311	3425	Range of Fire Analysis/per hour	81
3311	3429	Firearm Safety Processing/per firearm	21

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**Physical Evidence Laboratories Service Fees**

**Trace Evidence**

Code		Service Description	Fee
3311	3500	Trace Evidence Collection from Bodies/per hour	81
3311	3502	Examination of Hair Combing for Foreign Material/per hour	81
3311	3503	Identification of Unusual Features/per item	91
3311	3504	Microscopic Examination/Comparison of Hairs/per hour	81
3311	3505	Microscopic Examination/Comparison of Fibers/per hour	81
3311	3506	Fiber Identification/per hour	81
3311	3507	Microspectrophotometry/per sample	124
3311	3509	Fourier Transform IR/Microscopy Analysis/per sample	124
3311	3510	Fourier Transform IR/General Analysis/per sample	107
3311	3511	FTIR Sample Preparation/per sample	81
3311	3513	Microscopic Examination/Solubility/per sample	40
3311	3514	Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry/per sample	163
3311	3516	Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometry Sample Preparation	66
3311	3521	Gunshot Residue Kit	8
3311	3522	SEM/EDX Analysis of Special Materials/per hour	133
3311	3530	Paint/Fiber/Polymer Analysis by Pyrolysis GC/MS	107
3311	3531	Refractive Index	81
3311	3533	Microchemical Testing	66
3311	3536	Microscopic Examination of Trace Evidence/per hour	81
3311	3537	Bloodstain Pattern Analysis/per hour	81
3311	3538	Microscopic Slide Preparation/per slide	21
3311	3540	SEM/EDX - Analysis of GSR Stubs/set (2) stubs	492
3311	3542	Hair Preparation for DNA Testing/per 1/2 hour	40
3311	3548	GSR Sampling/per stub	32

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**Physical Evidence Laboratories Service Fees**  
**Forensic Biology Laboratory**

Code		Service Description	Fee
3311	3602	DNA Standard Collection/per item	61
3311	3605	Species Determination/per sample	64
3311	3606	Presumptive Semen Test/per sample	75
3311	3608	Spermatozoa Search/per slide	64
3311	3609	Confirmatory Semen Test (P30)/per sample	106
3311	3614	CODIS System, Search/Entry/per profile	42
3311	3616	DNA Extraction & Typing by STR - 22 Loci/per sample	280
3311	3660	DNA Extraction & Typing by STR (Direct Amplification) - 22 Loci/per sample	280
3311	3630	Presumptive Blood Test/per sample	75
3311	3631	Alternate Light Source Search - Small Item/per item	75
3311	3632	Alternate Light Source Search - Large Item/per item	106
3311	3633	DNA Standard Kit Processing/per item	29
3311	3634	Blood Evidence Search - Clothing or Small Item/per item	106
3311	3635	Blood Evidence Search - Bedding or Large Item/per item	266
3311	3637	Spermatozoa Slide Preparation/per slide	29
3311	3638	Semen Evidence Search - Clothing or Small Item/per item	106
3311	3639	Semen Evidence Search - Bedding or Large Item/per item	266
3311	3640	Sexual Assault Kit - Basic Processing	80
3311	3642	Semen DNA Extraction & Typing by STR - 22 Loci/per sample	400
3311	3643	DNA Extraction for STR/per sample	294
3311	3645	Examination of Hair Combings for Foreign Material/per item	29
3311	3649	Confirmatory Blood Test/per sample	53
3311	3650	Bloodstain Pattern Evaluation/per item	29
3311	3653	Blood Standard Processing/per sample	40
3311	3656	Y-STR Profiling/per sample	280
3311	3657	Male DNA screening/per sample	90
3311	3658	Car search/per 1/2 hour	40
3311	3659	Hypercoagulability testing/per sample	385
3311	3661	DNA Profile Interpretation/Reporting - per 1/2 hour	40

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