Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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RE: Footwear and Tire Track Examinations

Dear Forensic Science Laboratory Customer,   02/05/2018

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is committed to providing timely, meaningful, high quality services to you, our customers. To ensure we meet this commitment, the KBI Forensic Science Laboratory periodically re-evaluates the many services provided. Included in these ongoing evaluations are considerations such as turn-around time, demand for services, available technology, overall expenditures, cost-effectiveness, and staffing.

The KBI Laboratory has recently experienced a reduction in staff in the forensic discipline of footwear and tire tracks, the examination and comparison of shoes and tires. Currently our laboratory does not have any full-time forensic scientists who are able to conduct footwear or tire track related casework. Therefore, <u>we are temporarily suspending the service of footwear and tire track examinations.</u>

Several options exist for obtaining footwear or tire impression examinations during this temporary suspension of service. These options include:
- the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Forensic Laboratory (https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/lab/handbook-of-forensic-services-pdf),
- a fee for service forensic science laboratory, or
- an independent footwear and /or tire track examiner.

Should you determine this type of examination is needed in a future case, we will be happy to assist you by providing contact information for laboratories that currently offer this type of service. Please contact Jacqueline Hayworth, Latent Print/Footwear and Tire Track Supervisor at 785-296-2301 for more information.

Sincerely,

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