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Members of the Brazoria County Bar Association & Indigent Defense Counsel

RE: Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory Corrective Action

Dear Sir/Madam:

Recently, during the last week of October, 2019, during a standard review process of a controlled substance seized drug case, it was noted that the analyst secured the drug evidence during the testing process but not in the evidence vault as is required by laboratory standard operating procedure. Additionally, the analyst entered a date that was not accurate in the chain of custody laboratory information management system for the date the evidence was returned to the vault. Corrective action was taken and this will be reflected in the standard crime lab discovery packet provided to defense counsel in each case. The analyst is no longer employed in the laboratory. We have no reason to believe any testing was affected. The laboratory is conducting an appropriate quality control review and supplemental notices will be sent if necessary.

We are sending this to you consistent with our continued disclosure duties and in the interest of laboratory transparency. Individual notices are being sent as well.

Sincerely

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