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FORENSIC TESTING

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Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Epithelial Cell	Chemical General Microscopy Immunoassay

Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Acquisition/Extraction	Digital Data Image Video	Software Program
Authentication	Digital Data Image	Software Program
Content Analysis	Digital Data Image Video	Software Program Visual
Enhancement	Image Video	Software Program

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Transcoding	Digital Data Image Video	Software Program
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Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	NationalIntegratedBallistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

Discipline: Friction Ridge		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	PhysicalItem	Not Applicable
Enhancement	Ridge Detail	Chemical Physical Software Program
Individual Characteristic Database	Ridge Detail	Next Generation Identification System (NGI)
Physical Comparison	Ridge Detail	Software Program Visual

Discipline: Scene Investigation		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Enhancement	Physical Item	Chemical Physical Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Metal	Chemical Metal Detector



Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Thin-Layer Chromatography 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	Gas Chromatography Immunoassay Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Qualitative Determination (Volatiles)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Liquid	Gas Chromatography
Quantitative Measurement	Ante-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Quantitative Measurement (Volatiles)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Liquid	Gas Chromatography

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