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**TO:** All Submitting Agencies  
**FROM:** DuPage County Forensic Science Center  
**RE:** Field Testing Drug Residues  
**DATE:** January 17, 2020

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Police personnel should refrain from conducting field tests on items containing suspected drug residue when the identification of a controlled substance/cannabis is imperative to the case. The laboratory routinely encounters glass pipes, portions of plastic bags, spoons, and other items with residue amounts of sample that are visible by eye, but not conducive to weighing. The use of field tests on these items or removing a portion of residue from the item to conduct a field test may prevent the laboratory from conducting or completing analysis.

If testing results are needed for charging purposes, please call the laboratory at 630-407-2111 to make an appointment for submission.

The laboratory reserves the right to decline testing of residue items subjected to field-testing by police personnel.

Questions may be directed to the Chemistry Section at 630-407-2099.

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