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CRIME LABORATORY ADVISORY

TO: All Submitting Agencies
FROM: Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory
RE: Field Testing Drug Residues
DATE: January 17, 2006

All law enforcement officers should refrain from conducting field tests directly on items that may contain drug residue. We utilize state-of-the-art instrumentation that is more sensitive than field tests and have a better chance of detecting a controlled substance in very small amounts.

We commonly receive glass pipes, portions of plastic bags, and other residue-bearing items where a portion of the item is discolored due to an exposure to a field test reagent. This exposure can compromise the sample and prevent us from detecting a drug that is present.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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