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TO: DuPage County Law Enforcement Agencies
FROM: Claire Dragovich, Laboratory Director 
RE: Discontinuation of Trace Analysis Service
DATE: June 25, 2018

For over 30 years, the DuPage County Forensic Science Center has offered trace analysis services to our submitting agencies. Mr. Alfred Luckas, currently our sole trace analyst, conducted the majority of trace services over this time, and is retiring December 3, 2018.

Given Mr. Luckas' retirement and the significant reduction in demand for trace analysis, the laboratory has elected not to continue providing this service. Effective Monday 25 June 2018, the laboratory will no longer accept evidence for trace analysis to include glass, fire debris, general physical & chemical analysis and hair screening.

As outlined in the laboratory handbook, the following laboratories conduct trace analysis as shown:

Illinois State Police, Division of Forensic Services

Provides services in: International Forensic Automotive Paint Data Query (PDQ), Gunshot Residue Analysis, Fiber & Paint Analysis, Fire Debris, Glass Examination

*call the laboratory for information on case acceptance policy and submission procedures

Forensic Science Center at Chicago

1941 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
Main Line: (312) 433-8000

Joliet Forensic Science Laboratory

515 East Woodruff Road
Joliet, IL 60432
Main Line: (815) 740-3543

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory, Quantico, VA

Provides services in: Questioned Document (Handwriting Analysis), Soil Comparisons, Glass Examination & Explosives

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Main Line: (703) 632-7690
Questioned Document Unit: (703) 632-8444
Soil Comparisons: (703) 632-8449
Explosives Examination Unit: (703) 632-7626
Glass Examination Unit: (703) 632-8449

Microtrace (Private Laboratory), Elgin, IL

Provides services in: Soil Comparisons, Glass, Explosives & Lamp Filaments

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If you have any questions regarding this change contact me at claire.dragovich@dupagesheriff.org or call (630) 407-2101.

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