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FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY CUSTOMER SERVICE NOTICE 2024-01 March 27, 2024

Drug Analysis Submissions from Retail Cannabis Stores

The SLED Forensics Services Laboratory has been requested to analyze samples from seizures at retail Cannabis/Hemp stores for analysis prior to bulk destruction of product/criminal charges. When submitting from this type of seizure, please follow these guidelines:

- The submitting agency will be responsible for inventory of the retail seizure. The laboratory does not have appropriate storage or staffing to assist with this activity. The seizing agency will need to store all bulk products.
- Submit one of each type of product for testing. If the "flavor" is the only difference per packaging, only one flavor needs to be submitted for testing.
- Please identify on the submission paperwork this is a retail seizure if you are testing prior to destruction/forfeiture. If this designation is not made, B.E.S.T. testing practices will be applied and only one of each type of analyte may be tested.
- Please contact Capt. Wendy Bell (<u>wbell@sled.sc.gov</u>, cell 803-530-6695) with questions. The laboratory will provide assistance with any concerns prior to submission and can assist with identifying samples needed for testing.



