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FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY CUSTOMER SERVICE NOTICE 2021-03 December 20, 2021

REGARDING ANALYSIS OF GSR KITS

Effective January 1, 2022, the SLED Trace Evidence Department will no longer routinely accept and analyze gunshot primer residue (GSR) kits collected from the following two categories of casework:

- **Shooting victims, to include suicides**
- **Persons known/found to be in the possession of a firearm (to include police officers)**

Current GSR kits at the laboratory from cases fitting these categories will be returned to the submitting agency for storage without analysis. This Policy does not prohibit the collection of the above referenced kits. Potential submissions as “exceptions” to this Policy will require advanced communication and authorization prior to submission.

Please contact Lt. Jennifer Nates at (803) 896-7265 or jnates@sled.sc.gov if you have any questions or concerns.