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CUSTOMER NOTICE 2026-03

Computer Crimes Unit- Data Retention

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On June 15, 2026, the Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) will be implementing the following changes in an ongoing effort to reduce data storage from device extractions. The CCU will now only maintain data from forensic extractions/images for a period of sixty (60) days following the issuance of the official report. After the 60 day retention period has expired, the extraction/image will be permanently deleted in accordance with laboratory data management practices and policies. If a submitting agency wants a copy of the extraction/image beyond the standard retention period, notification must be received during the retention period, and a suitable storage device must be provided for the transfer of data. In cases where the data size and format permit, data may be transferred electronically through Axon Evidence.com. This data retention change does not affect the maintenance of official reports.

- If a copy of the extraction/image is requested, the submitting agency will have 30 days to provide a suitable storage device to the CCU.
- The extraction/image will only be given to requesting agencies if their original search warrant covers the full extraction of the device.
- For cases submitted prior to June 15, 2026, the submitting agency will have 60 days to request extraction/image.

For questions regarding data retention or transfer options, please contact Lieutenant Courtney Adams at 803-896-7919 / cadams@sled.sc.gov.



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