



**Crime Laboratory
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I. Purpose

To define what items containing suspected drug residue will be tested from each case submitted to the Crime Laboratory. The Crime Laboratory's function is to ensure that there are adequate items tested to support cases being heard in the courts in this state. Due to the case load it is necessary to budget staff time as efficiently as possible. In order to do this, judicious selections about the items to be tested must be made.

II. Policy

Items which contain residue amounts of substances, as defined by drug section procedures, will only be tested if the evidence meets one of the following criteria and SHOULD NOT be submitted unless the below criteria are met:

- A. The residue is the only item in the case or the only item that can be tied to a specific suspect

**MUST BE MARKED TO INDICATE WHICH SUSPECT IS
ASSIGNED TO EACH RESIDUE**

- B. The residue was the probable cause for a search-MUST BE MARKED AS SUCH ON THE SUBMITTAL FORM

- C. Prosecutor is able to give justification for testing, must be approved prior to submission to the lab. Drug Chemists will test all substances submitted which have weight unless the submittal form indicates otherwise. Weight is defined as registering above 0.05 g.