



GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Vernon M. Keenan
Director

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Dear Agency Head:

The GBI Crime Lab recently issued Operations Bulletin 2009-1, discussing the current status of the laboratory. As indicated in that bulletin, the Crime Lab has moved all incomplete, unassigned forensic analysis requests for trace evidence, firearms, and latent prints made prior to July 1, 2008 to a pending status. This means the service will only be worked if there is additional action from your agency.

A listing of the cases affected by this action can be found on the Crime Lab Report website. To access the listing click on the "Pending Services" button at the top of the webpage, then 'View Pending Services'. To update the status of a request, designate the appropriate action of 'Please work' or 'Cancel Service' for each service. If the status of a request remains at pending until January 31, 2010, those requests will be automatically cancelled and the evidence returned to your agency. If future developments require that the analysis be completed to meet court or investigative needs, the evidence can be resubmitted and the Crime Lab will perform the analysis.

Your cooperation in this effort will help the Crime Lab focus our limited resources on those cases where the analysis is most critical to the investigation or a court proceeding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 404-270-8072 or george.herrin@gbj.ga.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Herrin, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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