



Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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Dear Forensic Science Laboratory Customer,

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The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is committed to providing timely, meaningful, high quality services to you, our customers. To ensure we meet this commitment, the KBI Forensic Science Laboratory periodically re-evaluates the many services provided. Included in these ongoing evaluations are considerations such as turn-around time, demand for services, available technology, overall expenditures, cost-effectiveness, and staffing.

A recent review of the Toxicology section's analysis of blood and urine for the presence of what are commonly known as synthetic cannabinoids was performed. Our evaluation determined the analysis of toxicology samples for the presence of these compounds was requested infrequently and were completed at an extremely high cost per test. This testing requires additional dedicated staff, instrumentation and ongoing validations.

Therefore, the KBI Forensic Science Laboratory has determined that analysis of blood and urine by the Toxicology section for the presence of synthetic cannabinoids will no longer be an offered service.

However, our Chemistry section will continue to include synthetic cannabinoids as controlled substances that can be tested for when suspected in seized drug exhibits.

Analysis of blood and urine for the presence of synthetic cannabinoids is available on a fee-for-service basis from private laboratories. Should you determine this analysis is necessary in a future case, we will be happy to assist you by providing contact information for laboratories that offer this service. Please contact Carrie Hodges, Toxicology Technical Leader at 785-296-3212 for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas L.G. Price".

Thomas L.G. Price
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