



**Crime Laboratory
SOP 83-2**

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Subject: Destruction of Evidence

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I. Purpose

To establish the destruction of evidence policy for the Crime Laboratory Division.

II. Policy

The Crime Laboratory Division will NOT provide the service of evidence destruction. All submitted evidence will be returned to the submitting agency either by personal delivery or certified mail.

The only exception made will be drug pretest kits submitted with evidence. These are not considered evidence by the Crime Laboratory. The color change is transient. Most of the kits contain acid which degrades the container and can destroy the evidence with which they are packaged. These kits will be removed and destroyed at the Crime Laboratory. This will be documented in the case notes and the agency will be notified not to submit pretests with evidence.