

*A Current  
Educational  
Bulletin For  
Submitting Law  
Enforcement  
Agencies*

*A Closer Examination From The Benchtop ...*

# UNDER *the* SCOPE



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To improve efficiency,  
please notify the lab if  
analysis of your evidence  
is no longer required.

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## CASE CLOSED

The crime laboratory is constantly searching for ways to improve the efficiency of evidence analysis.

So far this year, more than 1350 crime laboratory examinations were cancelled before the evidence was analyzed. Many cancellations were the result of cold calls initiated by laboratory personnel to the submitting agency checking on backlogged cases.

Many cases go to trial or are settled without the evidence presented and frequently without notification of the responsible law enforcement agency. However, if you become aware that one of your cases has been disposed of and there is still evidence waiting for analysis, please give us a call. We do not have a good way to determine if these cases have been adjudicated or cancelled by the courts or the prosecutor other than by making random cold calls. If in doubt, contact the crime lab, and we'll be happy to assist you in determining if we still have your evidence in our custody. Our time spent researching a case takes far less time and expense than the analysis.

You can help by notifying us when your evidence no longer requires examination. Eliminating unnecessary analyses will noticeably decrease the turnaround time of your other cases. Please share this message with those you collaborate with in the criminal justice system. With your help, we're working to do even better.

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