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FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY CUSTOMER SERVICE NOTICE 2026-02

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Latent Prints Department Film Case File Disposition

The Latent Prints Department is working to dispose of approximately 22,900 casework files that contain film negatives from the period of 1971 to 2008. The files include crime scene investigation film and photography studio film of laboratory evidence.

The first phase of the project, conducting an inventory of the files, has been completed. The files were sorted into two categories: non-violent and violent crime. The second phase will be purging all non-violent files. Non-violent crimes constitute approximately 13,200 case files.

Any agency that would prefer to have their non-violent case film returned to them must submit a request to photofiles@sled.sc.gov within 30 days of this posting. You must provide the case and/or laboratory number for each case to be returned or request a bulk return of all agency cases. Cases will be returned through the Evidence Control Department.

In the third phase of the project, all death investigation and violent crime film case files will be returned to the respective agency of jurisdiction through the Evidence Control Department. Case files for defunct agencies will be returned to the Sheriff's Office of jurisdiction.

Please submit any questions to Lt. Jeff Crooks at photofiles@sled.sc.gov.



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