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HCIFS Crime Laboratory Receives Accreditation
Accreditation awarded by the ANSI National Accreditation Board
for the 5th time since 1999

HOUSTON, Texas (Jan. 24, 2019) – The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (HCIFS) Crime Laboratory has received a renewal of accreditation by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). The crime laboratory has been continuously accredited since 1999.

Accreditation was granted following a robust week-long on-site assessment of the laboratory's quality management system, scientific operations and protocols, and lab case records in compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 and ANAB supplemental accreditation standards for forensic testing laboratories. In addition, the lab was granted a renewal of accreditation by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) and was found to be in compliance with the FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories. The laboratory is accredited to provide analytical services in the disciplines of forensic toxicology, trace evidence, firearms examination, drug chemistry and forensic genetics.

The HCIFS Forensic Toxicology Laboratory is the only toxicology laboratory in Texas to be dually accredited by the ABFT and by the ANSI National Accreditation Board in the discipline of toxicology.

About the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences is an independent, science-based organization located on the grounds of the Texas Medical Center (TMC) and has been a TMC Member Institution since 1983. The agency provides two distinct forensic services for the Harris County community – the Medical Examiner Service and the Crime Laboratory Service. The Crime Laboratory performs analytical services to support Harris County medical examiners and law enforcement agencies. To learn more about the Institute of Forensic Sciences, visit: ifs.harriscountytexas.gov.

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