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District Attorney's Office Asks SBI to Investigate Lab Analyst

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Within recent days, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department has brought to the attention of the District Attorney's Office information suggesting some procedural irregularities in biological analyses performed by an analyst at the CMPD Crime Laboratory. While an internal CMPD investigation is underway to verify further both the scope and detail of these irregularities, the District Attorney's Office has asked the NC State Bureau of Investigation to determine whether these suspected practice failures suggest any violation of the criminal law. As we learn more, in the interest of justice, we will begin work to identify both pending and previously resolved cases that may be impacted by this discovery, and, when appropriate, we will notify defense counsel of any relevant new information related to such cases. These remedies are necessary because it remains the vision of this office to prioritize justice through integrity so that every person can place trust in our work.

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