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**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN FORENSIC SERVICES:
MATERIALS (TRACE) TESTING OF PRESSURE SENSITIVE TAPE**

Please be advised that due to limited agency requests for the analysis and comparison of tape evidence samples, the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory (MSPCL) has made the decision to discontinue providing this testing service.

If your agency requires analysis and comparison of tape evidence samples, the MSPCL will assist with identifying a laboratory providing this service, if one is available, and facilitate the request for testing as needed.

Please note that this change does not impact testing in our Crime Scene Services, Criminalistics, and DNA sections. The laboratory will continue to analyze tape evidence samples for the presence of friction ridge detail, the collection of trace materials, and/or the collection of potential biological material for body fluid/DNA testing.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or if you require assistance with locating an alternative testing laboratory, please contact the MSPCL Case Management Unit at 978-451-3440 or mspclcmu@mass.gov.