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**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN FORENSIC SERVICES:  
CYANIDE AND RODENTICIDE TESTING**

Please be advised that due to limited agency requests for cyanide and rodenticide (e.g., rat poison) testing of nonbiological evidence items (e.g., food items, beverages), the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory (MSPCL) has made the decision to discontinue in-house testing for these substances.

Please note that this change in service does not impact the testing of ante-mortem and post-mortem biological specimens (e.g., blood, urine).

If your agency requires cyanide and/or rodenticide testing of non-biological evidence, the MSPCL will assist with identifying a laboratory providing this service and facilitate the request for testing as needed.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or if you require assistance with locating an alternative testing laboratory, please contact the MSPCL at 978-451-3300 or [mspcl@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:mspcl@massmail.state.ma.us).