CC SOP-18 - Cell Phone Analysis Protocol

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A. Purpose:

To outline the steps taken to analyze cell phones.

B. Responsibility:

Forensic Examiners

C. Definitions/Abbreviations:

Refer to CC SOP-26 - Definitions and Abbreviations.

D. Procedure:

- 1. The technique used for the examination of cell phones should be determined by, but not limited to, the examiners training knowledge and experience.
- 2. Current acceptable techniques for data extraction and analysis include:
 - a. Using the CelleBrite UFED Touch Unit / UFED Physical Analyzer software to extract data contained on the cell phone by following the manufacturer's protocol, as well as, the examiner's training and experience;
 - b. Using Paraben Device Seizure software to extract data contained on the cell phone by following the manufacturer's protocol, as well as, the examiner's training and experience;
 - c. Using Oxygen Forensic Suite software to extract data contained on the cell phone by following the manufacturer's protocol, as well as, the examiner's training and experience;
 - d. Manually scrolling through the cell phone and recording relevant information pertaining to the request for analysis.
- 3. Every effort should be taken to ensure that the cell phone is protected from receiving an external signal. For example, using the Ramsey Shielded Test Enclosure.
- 4. If a different method is used to analyze the cell phone, thoroughly document it in the Cell Phone Worksheet\Notes (QR-CC-16) and all other appropriate records. In addition, bring this method to the Technical Lead and/or the Unit Supervisor's attention for further review.
- 5. If a passcode locked (simple passcode) Apple device has been submitted for analysis refer to CC SOP-42.
- 6. If a custom passcode or pattern locked device has been submitted for analysis and current methods cannot bypass or determine the code, submit a Cell Phone Passcode Needed Notification Letter (QR-CC-51) to the submitting agency. If the passcode cannot be provided within 5 business days, the evidence should be returned to the agency with a report stating the analysis could not be conducted.

References:

- 1. CelleBrite UFED Touch user manual or training documentation.
- 2. Paraben Device Seizure help file or training documentation.
- 3. Oxygen Forensic Suite user manual or training documentation.