

LP SOP-19 Processing Unpackaged Narcotic Evidence

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Purpose: To establish a policy for the processing of narcotics evidence packaging.

Responsibility: Latent Print Examiners

Procedure:

1. Narcotics packaging may be submitted to the latent print section for analysis. However it shall be the general practice of the latent print section that the narcotics or suspected narcotics must be removed from the packaging prior to laboratory submission. Packaging still containing narcotic evidence will not be processed by the latent print section, except as noted in section 2 below.
2. Exceptions to the above are as follows:
 - a. Court Order
 - b. Order by the Laboratory Director
3. When packaged narcotics are processed in the latent print section, documentation of the exception allowing the processing will included in the case file.