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**Purpose:** To establish a policy regarding the authorized access of the latent print section's laboratory as it pertains to controllable factors of evidence contamination.

**Responsibility:**

Latent Print Examiners

**Procedure:**

1. Evidence sent for forensic laboratories often require multi-section analysis. Therefore, unnecessary contamination must be kept to an absolute minimum. This includes the unnecessary contamination that can be introduced by external non-laboratory sources such as student groups, visiting dignitaries, police officers, state attorneys, investigator, public defender, and others who provide not technical service required by the laboratory. Therefore only authorized personnel shall be allowed access to the latent print section's evidence processing laboratory. Authorized personnel shall also include properly screened maintenance persons and interns.
2. Refer to GL 3 for further information.