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Idaho Law Enforcement Officers

RE: Notification of Idaho Termination of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)

The purpose of this communication is to update our customers on the termination of NIBIN entry being performed by Idaho State Police Forensic Services. Several years ago the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) removed the NIBIN terminal from the ISPFs Coeur d'Alene laboratory due to the small number of entries being made by the laboratory. ISPFs then collaborated with the Montana state lab to do NIBIN entry in Montana. Due to Federal budget cuts and very little use of the system, the ATF recently removed the NIBIN terminal from the Montana laboratory.

Idaho law enforcement officers desiring to use the NIBIN system will need to submit their evidence directly to the ATF lab in Walnut Creek, California. Attached to this letter are the instructions for submitting directly to the ATF. The ISPFs labs in Meridian and Coeur d'Alene will continue to provide firearm test fire services so that the bullets or cartridge cases can be prepared for submission to the ATF laboratory. ISPFs will also perform any follow-up comparison work requested by Idaho law enforcement officers.

Firearm and Toolmark analysis will continue to be performed in the Coeur d'Alene ISPFs laboratory. This change only impacts NIBIN searches.

Sincerely,

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