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To: All Idaho Law Enforcement Agencies
From: Matthew Gamette, ISP Forensic Services Laboratory System Director
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The Idaho State Police Forensic Services (ISPFS) laboratory will immediately begin accepting forensic document examination cases at the ISPFS Coeur d'Alene facility. This expansion of our services is intended to help criminal investigators by providing more high-quality forensic science services to Idaho law enforcement agencies. ISPFS continually surveys and monitors those services needed and requested by the Idaho criminal justice community and is committed to address these needs in support of the Idaho courts. We have added many DNA, toxicology, chemistry, latent print, firearm/toolmark, and other methods in the last few years, and anticipate adding more forensic disciplines in the near future as we grow to meet our goal of being a complete full-service forensic science laboratory system.

The following forensic document examination services are now available to Idaho law enforcement:

- **Handwriting examinations** to determine authorship of a question writing and signatures.
- **Printing process examinations** to determine how a document was created and by what process.
- **Indented document examinations** to detect and visualize latent indented writing or markings and may determine the source of a questioned document.
- **Altered document examinations** to determine whether a document has been manipulated or it's meaning has been changed or added to from an original matter.
- **Physical match examinations** to associate torn or cut documents with a source document.
- **Non-destructive ink and paper examinations** to determine, depending on the submission, whether ink or papers samples can be distinguished from other respected samples.
- **Charred and liquid soaked document examinations** to restore damaged documents for investigative purposes.

We anticipate offering forensic document collection and evidence preservation training soon for investigators. However, we have technical experts that can answer your questions now by calling the CDA facility directly at 208-209-8700.

If you have any questions about this communication, please contact me at matthew.gamette@isp.idaho.gov or 208-884-7217

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