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MEMORANDUM

TO: SUBMITTING AGENCIES
FROM: TRISHA L. CONTI, DIRECTOR, VERMONT FORENSIC LABORATORY
SUBJECT: DNA CASEWORK OUTSOURCING
DATE: APRIL 20, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trisha L. Conti", is written over the "FROM" line of the memorandum.

The Biology section of the Vermont Forensic Laboratory (VFL) is proud to announce we are able to support outsourced DNA processing on a limited basis following the restrictions below.

DNA profiles intended for CODIS will only be accepted from a single private laboratory per year. This private laboratory must meet FBI requirements in addition to going through a rigorous preapproval process led by the VFL *before* the evidence is sent for testing. Contact the VFL to determine which private laboratory is currently approved, or request approval if one has not yet been cleared for outsourcing.

Outsourcing will only be approved for DNA collection and extraction techniques that are not currently available through the VFL. Examples include use of M-Vac and some bone/tooth extraction techniques.

These restrictions apply only to evidence for which CODIS upload is desired. Investigations which require YSTRs, forensic genetic genealogy, or other non-CODIS uses of DNA are available at the discretion of the investigating agency. Please contact the VFL for all necessary details before proceeding.