

## WASHINGTON STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY

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Dear Ms. Loginsky:

The Washington State Patrol Toxicology Laboratory Division has updated the *Active Case List – Meth Result Discrepancies Identified During Testing* Document on the Laboratory's website (<a href="https://wsp.wa.gov/forensics/toxicology.htm">https://wsp.wa.gov/forensics/toxicology.htm</a>). An inconsistent result for methamphetamine was identified in the testing of ST-20-11433. The inconsistent result identified was from a test performed in March 2021<sup>1</sup>, prior to the Laboratory implementing additional laboratory cleaning procedures. A root cause analysis was performed and was inconclusive in determining the source of the inconsistent result in this case.

The submitting agency and local prosecutor have been notified. Final documentation is pending and will be available upon completion.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gough

Acting Toxicology Laboratory Division Commander

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Observation of a potentially inconsistent result in this case occurred in August 2021. Follow-up testing, review and evaluation occurred in September and October 2021. Limited personnel resources contributed to the above timeline.



