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Dear Ms. Loginsky:

The Washington State Patrol Toxicology Laboratory Division identified a case (ST-20-06206) that had discrepant results for methamphetamine throughout the course of testing. The discrepancy was identified prior to a final report being issued. An unopened evidence tube was sent to an external lab for independent testing, which verified the results of the reported in-house testing for methamphetamine. The local prosecutor was contacted at the time the final report was released.

To date, the laboratory has not been able to identify the root cause of the discrepancy. As part of the on-going investigative process, the laboratory has changed testing requirements for reporting methamphetamine. In addition, a retrospective review has begun for cases with quantitative amines results reported within six months prior to this discrepancy. The laboratory has also begun the process of contracting with an external company (BioClean), to perform further environmental testing of the areas used in testing for this case. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brianna Peterson".

Brianna Peterson, PhD
Acting Toxicology Laboratory Division
Commander

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