North Carolina State Crime Laboratory

Proper Mobile Device (All Cellphones) Handling

For a powered on and/or powered on and unlocked cellphones, no appointment is necessary, call 984-204-2547 for the Digital Evidence Section.

A search warrant, consent, or a letter stating the owner is deceased and does not have the expectation of privacy will be required.

**Note:** The difference between accessing a powered on cellphone and a powered off cellphone can be between 6 hours to 27 years.