



State of North Carolina

## FORENSIC SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Raleigh, North Carolina

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### Protocol Review

In accordance with Article 4, Chapter 114 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Board shall review and make recommendations as necessary to the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory Director concerning any of the following: (1) New scientific programs, protocols, and methods of testing; (2) plans for the implementation of new programs and for sustaining existing programs and improving upon them where possible, and for the elimination of programs which may no longer be needed; (3) protocols for testing and examination methods and guidelines for the presentation of results in court; and (4) qualification standards for the various forensic scientists of the laboratory.

Consistent with the Board's advisory capacity as set out in N.C.G.S. § 114-61, two special committees were tasked with the review of procedures and documents from the following scientific sections: Latent Evidence and Firearm and Tool Mark.

Each committee reviewed the documents and met with the individual scientific sections regarding suggested improvements. It is noted that neither committee identified any procedural issues.

The Board notes that the policies and procedures in these sections are consistent with acceptable practice utilized in the forensic science community.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Kupferschmid".

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