



July 28, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Forensic Submitters

From: South Dakota Public Health Laboratory Director Timothy Southern
South Dakota Public Health Laboratory Deputy Director Stacy Ellwanger

RE: **South Dakota Public Health Laboratory Forensic Testing Discretion**

The South Dakota Public Health Laboratory has the following policy for testing discretion:

The South Dakota Public Health Laboratory, Forensic Chemistry Program has initial discretion over the selection of items to be tested, and the appropriate methods for analysis in the Toxicology, Seized Drugs, and Cannabis programs.

If you have questions about testing discretion, please contact the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory via email Stacy.Ellwanger@state.sd.us.