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Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

Laboratory locations:

Location details		Activity	Location code
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DETAIL OF ACCREDITATION

Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used	Location Code
BODY FLUIDS and TISSUES	<u>Forensic Analysis</u>	The organisation has demonstrated compliance to the Forensic Science Regulator Code of Practice in relation to the Forensic Activities listed below.	A, B
Any Material	<u>Forensic Analysis</u> Searching for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Blood- Saliva	Documented In-House Methods (FSU-P-TEC-5, FSU-P-TEC-12) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- visual examination- light sources- low power microscopy- chemical testing (see below)	A
Blood	Recovery and preparation, including for contingency purposes, for subsequent DNA analysis by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory of the following from searched materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Blood- Saliva- Cellular Material	Documented In-House Methods (FSU-P-TEC-3, FSU-P-TEC-11) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- cutting- swabs and swabbing- mini-taping	
Saliva	Presumptive testing for Blood via detection of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peroxidase	Documented In-House Method (FSU-P-TEC-4) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- KM (Kastle Meyer)	
	Presumptive testing for saliva via detection of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amylase	Documented In-House Method (FSU-P-TEC-5) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Phadebas paper	



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FIBRES and HAIRS	<u>Forensic Analysis</u> Recovery of fibres and hairs for contingency purposes from clothing and objects	Documented in house method (FSU-P-TEC-6) using <ul style="list-style-type: none">- visual examination- low power microscopy- taping- wand recovery- forcep recovery	A
MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS Any material which is capable of retaining friction ridge marks	<u>Forensic Analysis</u> Enhancement of fingerprints and palm marks	Documented In-House Methods using chemical enhancement and lighting techniques (method numbers provided in brackets) Acid Treatments (FDL-P-TEC-3): Acid Black 1 Acid Violet 17 Acid Yellow 7 Cyanoacrylate (CNA) Fuming (FDL-P-TEC-10) Basic Yellow 40 (BY40) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ethanol based- aqueous based (FDL-P-TEC-11) Physical Developer (FDL-P-TEC-9) Ninhydrin (FDL-P-TEC-8) Powdering Techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- black, aluminium, magenta flake and black magnetic (FDL-P-TEC-6) 1,2 Indandione (FDL-P-TEC-45)	A



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<p>MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS (cont'd)</p> <p>Any material which is capable of retaining friction ridge marks (cont'd)</p>	<p><u>Forensic Analysis</u> (cont'd)</p> <p>Enhancement of fingerprints and palm marks (cont'd)</p>	<p>Powder suspension (FDL-P-TEC-12):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Iron Oxide- Carbon- Titanium Dioxide <p>Documented In-House Methods using non-destructive techniques</p> <p>White Light (FDL-P-TEC-1)</p> <p>High energy light sources (FDL-P-TEC-1)</p> <p>LEDs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Violet (395-425nm),- Blue (420-470nm),- Blue/green (445-510nm),- Green (480-560nm),- Orange (570-610nm) <p>Q2000/30:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 340-413nm- 400-469nm- 400-519nm- 468-526nm- 473-548nm- 491-548nm- 503-587nm <p>Laser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 532nm <p>Digital Capture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Digital SLR (FDL-P-TEC-18-30)- DCS5 (FDL-P-TEC-47)	<p>A</p>



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FRICITION RIDGE DETAIL Finger and Palm (Non-Cadaver)	<u>Forensic Analysis</u> (cont'd) Analysis, comparison, and evaluation of Friction Ridge Detail as outlined below for the purpose of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Criminal Investigation- Elimination Databases		A
<u>Marks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CSI/FEL Recovered Lifts from physical scenes- CSI/FEL Photographs of marks from physical scene- Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory Recovered Lifts from physical items- Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory Photographs of marks from physical items	<u>Comparison with Ten Prints</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ink- Powder- Livescan	Documented in house procedures using visual manual techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fingerprint glass- Reference collections- Comparators (optical)- High Quality Printer	A
<u>Ten Prints</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ink- Powder- Livescan	<u>Comparison with Marks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CSI/FEL Recovered Lifts from physical scenes- CSI/FEL Photographs of marks from physical scenes- Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory Recovered Lifts from physical items- Fingerprint Enhancement Laboratory photographs of marks from physical exhibits	Documented in house procedures using visual manual techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fingerprint glass- Reference collections- Comparators (optical)- High Quality Printer	A
	<u>Opinion and Interpretation</u> The evaluation of the significance of any matching and non-matching features between sources of friction ridge detail as outlined in the above scope of accreditation.	Documented In-House methods using <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Personal experience- database	A



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MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS	<u>Forensic Analysis</u> (cont'd)		
Footwear mark (physical or image)	Screening of suspect footwear by pattern type and size	Documented in-house method (FWU-P-TEC-1) using: - Visual examination	A
	Enhancement of footwear marks recovered from scenes.	Documented In-House methods (FWU-P-TEC-2, FWU-P-TEC-3, FWU-P-TEC-7) using: - Imaging (photo/GL scan / Flat bed scanner) - Lifting (ESLA/Gel)	
	Production of test marks from suspect footwear	Documented In-House method (FWU-P-TEC-12) using: - Powdering methods (static and dynamic) - Paint and acetate sheets (dynamic) - Printscan	
Footwear mark (physical or image) (cont'd)	Assessment, Comparison and evaluation of footwear with scene marks	Documented in-house methods (FWU-P-TEC-12) using: - Visual examination	A
	<u>Opinion and Interpretation</u> The evaluation of the significance of any matching and non-matching features between the footwear scene impression and reference/control footwear marks	Documented In-House method (FWU-P-TEC-4) using - Personal experience - database	A



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MARKS AND IMPRESSIONS (cont'd)	<u>Forensic Analysis</u> (cont'd)		
Toolmarks	Enhancement of toolmarks	Documented in house method (FWU-P-TEC-7, FWU-P-TEC-8, FWU-P-TEC-9) using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lighting technique - casting 	A
Toolmarks	Production of Test Marks from suspect items	Documented in house method (FWU-P-TEC-8) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - casting - test mark media (lead / wax) 	
Toolmarks	Comparison of submitted marks, photographs of marks or marks made from suspect items with marks left at scene	Documented In-House methods (FWU-P-TEC-10) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - visual examination, - low power microscopy - comparison microscopy - dimensional measurements 	
Toolmarks	<u>Opinion and Interpretation</u> The evaluation of the significance of any matching and non-matching features between the tool scene impression and reference/control toolmarks	Documented In-House methods (FWU-P-TEC-11) using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal experience 	



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DIGITAL DEVICES AND DATA	<u>Forensic Analysis</u> (cont'd)		
Computers			
Computers and digital storage devices	Capture and preservation of data from storage devices	Documented in-house method(s) (DFU-P-TEC-4) using: - FTK Imager - Tableau T356789iu - Tableau TX1	B
Mobile phones			
Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: - Apple iOS - Android - Non-smartphone proprietary systems	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DFU-P-TEC-5) using: - XRY - UFED 4PC - Manual examination using Digital Camera	B
Mobile phone handsets and tablets associated with the following operating systems: - Apple iOS - Android - Non-smartphone proprietary systems	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DFU-P-TEC-5) using: - XRY/XAMN - Physical Analyzer	B
(U)SIM cards	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DFU-P-TEC-5) using: - XRY - UFED 4PC	B
	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DFU-P-TEC-5) using: - XRY/XAMN - Physical Analyzer	B



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DIGITAL DEVICES AND DATA (cont'd)	Forensic Analysis (cont'd)		
Mobile phones (cont'd)			
Memory cards associated with mobile phone handsets and tablets	Capture and preservation of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DFU-P-TEC-5) using: - FTK Imager	B
	Processing of data	Documented in-house method(s) (DFU-P-TEC-5) using: - XRY/XAMN - Physical Analyzer	B
END			