



Commission on Forensic Science

September 26, 2025

Division of Criminal Justice Services

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Albany, NY 12210

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08:36 AM – 12:54 PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Commission Members in Attendance:

Lt. Col. Nicholas Banbury
Pasquale Buffolino, Ph.D.
James Chithalen, Ph.D.^{1,2}
Lydia de Castro
Steven Epstein, Esq.
William Fitzpatrick, Esq.²
Jessica Goldthwaite, Esq.
Michael Marciano, Ph.D.
Erin Murphy, Esq.
Beverly Rauch
Rossana Rosado
Michelli Schmitz
Ann Willey, Ph.D.

¹ Representative of Commission Member James V. McDonald, M.D.

² Member joined the meeting during Executive Session.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Taylor Aaron
 Dean DeFruscio
 Colleen Glavin, Esq.
 Katherine Mayberry
 Shelley Palmer
 Joseph Popcun
 Brianna Robinson
 Lindsey Rockwell
 Matthew Schrantz, Esq.
 Elizabeth Suparmanto

Other Attendees:

Michelle Adams – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 Jennifer Alois – NYS DCJS Latent Print Laboratory
 Jill Dooley – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 James Harrison – Westchester County Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory
 Rebecca Hartman – Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Toxicology
 Nichole Hurbanek – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 Michael Jankowiak – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 Thomas Leach – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 Andrea Lester – NYS DCJS Latent Print Laboratory
 Paul Stasaitis – Westchester County Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory
 Christian Westring – Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory

Chair Rosado opened the meeting by stating that she was attending virtually, and OFS Director Palmer would run the meeting. Ms. Palmer proceeded to take a roll call as members were in attendance in Albany and virtually. A quorum was established with 11 voting members (Banbury, Buffolino, de Castro, Epstein, Goldthwaite, Marciano, Murphy, Rauch, Rosado, Schmitz, and Willey)³.

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video times*

00:00:00 –
00:01:35

Ms. Palmer then requested a motion to approve the September 26, 2025, agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Rauch, seconded by Dr. Buffolino, and approved with 11 votes (Banbury, Buffolino, de Castro, Epstein, Goldthwaite, Marciano, Murphy, Rauch, Rosado, Schmitz, and Willey).

00:01:36 –
00:02:06

Ms. Palmer requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2025, Commission meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Epstein, seconded by Ms. Schmitz. The motion was approved with 10 votes (Banbury, Buffolino, de Castro, Epstein, Goldthwaite, Marciano, Murphy, Rauch, Rosado, and Schmitz) and 1 abstention (Willey).

00:02:07 –
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Ms. Palmer then requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to a current investigation or matters that may lead to the appointment,

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00:03:34

³ See FN 2.

promotion, demotion, discipline, or suspension of a particular person. The motion was made by Dr. Buffolino and seconded by Dr. Marciano. The motion was approved with 10 votes (Banbury, Buffolino, de Castro, Epstein, Marciano, Murphy, Rauch, Rosado, Schmitz, and Willey) and 1 opposed (Goldthwaite). The Commission adjourned into Executive Session at 8:40 am. Mr. Fitzpatrick joined the meeting during Executive Session at 8:41 am and Dr. Chithalen joined at 9:18 am.

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Executive Session concluded at 9:58 am and the Commission reconvened the open meeting at 10:08 am, after a brief break. Ms. Palmer stated that after a thorough discussion during Executive Session and a comprehensive investigation regarding the anonymous complaints to the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner [Department] of Forensic Biology, which included delays in response to requests for information, the Commission and its working group will be sending a letter to the OCME regarding the importance of effective management to support technical services of public forensic laboratories, including but not limited to outside employment policies and practices. For awareness, this letter will also be sent to all public forensic laboratories in New York State.

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Next, the Commission reviewed the Accreditation/Laboratory Updates. Matters regarding the following laboratories were considered: Monroe County Crime Laboratory, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Toxicology, New York City OCME Forensic Anthropology Unit, New York City Police Department Police Laboratory, New York City Police Department Latent Print Section, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research Division of Forensic Science, Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research Division of Forensic Toxicology, and Westchester County Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory. Representatives from the laboratories were available in person or via Zoom to respond to members' questions.

00:04:54 –
00:13:40

The next agenda item was Old Business. Ms. Palmer gave a verbal update on the Familial Search Policy. The Commission then discussed updates from the DNA Subcommittee including their responses to the *DNA Mixture Interpretation: A NIST Scientific Foundation Review* report and the *NIST Forensic DNA Interpretation and Human Factors: Improving Practice Through a Systems Approach* report. An invitation will be sent to DNA Subcommittee members to attend the next Commission meeting and further discuss their review of the NIST reports.

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00:50:39

Following this discussion, Dr. Marciano proposed a potential plan for NYS public forensic laboratories to begin adopting standards on the OSAC registry. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided they required additional information and tasked OFS with extending an invitation to stakeholders including technical experts, members of NYCLAC, and OSAC representatives to further discuss the adoption of the OSAC registry at the next meeting of the Commission.

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Additionally, a status update was provided regarding the DNA Subcommittee's review of recent Qiagen disclosures. The Commission then discussed a memo regarding disclosures of dishonesty or gross misconduct that was disseminated to all appropriate parties following a motion at the June 13, 2025, Commission meeting.

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The Commission then reviewed disclosures from Erie County Medical Examiner's Office Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, Monroe County Crime Laboratory, Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Toxicology, Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Toxicology, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Biology, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Toxicology, New York City Police Department Latent Print Section, NYS DCJS Latent Print Laboratory, Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Suffolk County Medical Examiner Toxicology Laboratory, Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research Division of Forensic Science, Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research Division of Forensic Toxicology, and Yonkers Police Department Forensic Science Laboratory. Representatives from the laboratories were available in person or via Zoom to respond to members' questions. Chair Rosado left the meeting at 11:47 am.

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02:49:16

Ms. Palmer then stated that the next meeting of the Commission will take place on December 12, 2025, with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Buffolino, seconded by Ms. Rauch, and approved unanimously.

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02:50:13

Note: Video of the meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/nyspublicsafety>



November 26, 2025

Pasquale Buffolino, Ph.D.
Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services Crime Laboratory
1194 Prospect Avenue
Westbury, New York 11590

Dear Director Buffolino,

Congratulations! On November 25, 2025, ANAB made the decision to maintain your organization's accreditation in the Field of Forensic Testing. ANAB is satisfied that your organization meets or exceeds accreditation requirements, including the requirements of your own documented management system.

The report was provided to you during the assessment activity.

The provided ANAB accreditation symbols ([Forensic Testing](#)) may be used to convey your accredited status. An accreditation symbol must not be used in any way which implies accreditation in any area outside of the scope of accreditation. If appropriate, the accreditation symbol may be used on your organization's website, reports, letterhead, business cards, and other official documents. Please refer to [PR 1018 Policy on Use of ANAB Accreditation Symbols and Claims of Accreditation Status](#) for all required information. This policy also provides information on your ability to use a combined mark that contains the ANAB accreditation symbol and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) mark.

The next assessment activity is a Reassessment scheduled for the week of October 18, 2026.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to quality and the accreditation process. On behalf of ANAB, I extend my sincere congratulations to you. If you have any questions or if ANAB might assist you in any way, please feel free to get in touch with us at qualitymatters@anab.org.

Sincerely,



Jami J. St.Clair
Senior Accreditation Manager

cc: Karen Dooling, Assistant Director
Mark Gil, Quality Assurance Manager
NY DCJS



**Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner Division of
Forensic Services**

2025 – 17025 – Y3 - Surveillance Assessment Without Witnessing

Prepared by Alexandria Bradley

Data collected on 2025-10-01

ANSI National Accreditation Board

United States

Description

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The ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) evaluated the competence of the laboratory and conformance with all applicable accreditation requirements for the scope of accreditation referenced in the assessment plan. Objective evidence of implementation was assessed. The results of an assessment activity are based on a sample of records, locations, and personnel that were available at the time of the activity. Witnessing is an additional technique used in most activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories & ANAB Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (AR 3125) evaluated over the accreditation cycle are summarized in the following broad categories:

General requirements related to the laboratory's commitment to impartiality and confidentiality in its activities.

Structural requirements related to the range of activities, management structure, the authority, roles and responsibilities of personnel. Documented procedures which ensure a consistent application of activities and the validity of results.

Resource requirements related to the impartiality of personnel. Requirements for a training program, competency testing, authorizations, and ongoing monitoring to ensure the competence of personnel. Facility and security suitability for activities. Records and procedures for equipment to ensure proper functioning and where applicable, establishment of metrological traceability. Requirements for externally provided products and services.

Process requirements related to the handling of test and calibration items in a manner to maintain the integrity of the item. Requirements for chain-of-custody of items to be tested and appropriate methods and procedures. Ensuring the required performance of the methods along with monitoring the validity of the results. Requirements to ensure results are supported by sufficient technical records and are reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously, and objectively. Procedures for nonconforming work and a documented process for handling complaints. Requirements related to the laboratory information management system protection and integrity of data and information.

Management system requirements related to policies and objectives appropriate for the scope of activities. Requirements to control internal and external documents and records. Requirements to address risks and opportunities and timely, well-documented corrective actions. Requirements for an internal audit program and management reviews.

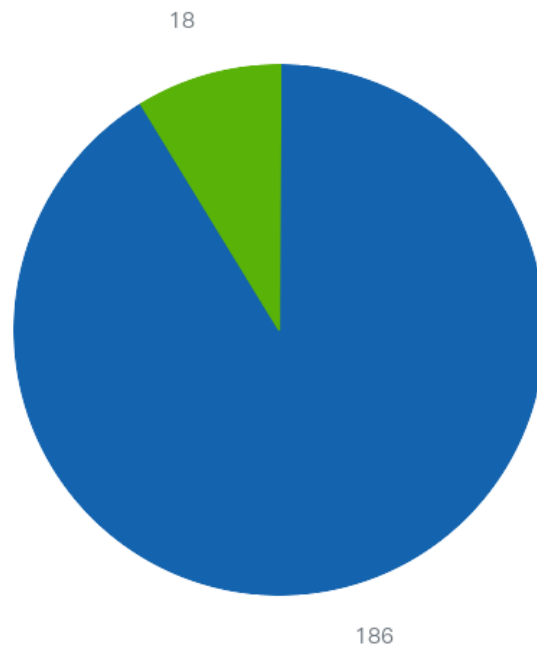
The accreditation activity also evaluates the laboratory's conformance with their own management system requirements.

ASSESSMENT RESULT:

Based on the assessment techniques and a sample of the objective evidence reviewed during the assessment activity, the assessment team found that the laboratory demonstrated competence to operate a management system that fulfills all applicable accreditation requirements, including those specified within their management system.

Any opportunities for improvement or nonconformities identified during this assessment activity are noted below. All nonconformities will be resolved prior to an accreditation decision by ANAB and a summary provided in a subsequent assessment activity report.

Summary of Objective Evidence



Audit Objective Evidence



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO:
ISO/IEC 17025:2017
Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2020

New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner
Department of Forensic Biology
 421 East 26th Street
 New York, New York 10016 USA

FORENSIC TESTING

ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Granted: 06 May 2011

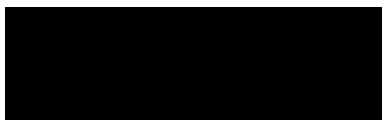
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Certificate Expiry Date: 28 February 2028

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Mitochondrial Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis Massively Parallel Sequencing
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid	Chemical Fluorescence Spectroscopy General Microscopy Immunoassay Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Rapid DNA		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Development	Short Tandem Repeat (STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis

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Pamela L. Sale
Vice President, Forensics



**New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner - Department
of Forensic Biology**

2025 – 17025 – Y2 – Surveillance Assessment With Witnessing

Prepared by Jeffrey Riolo

Data collected on 2025-10-20

ANSI National Accreditation Board

United States

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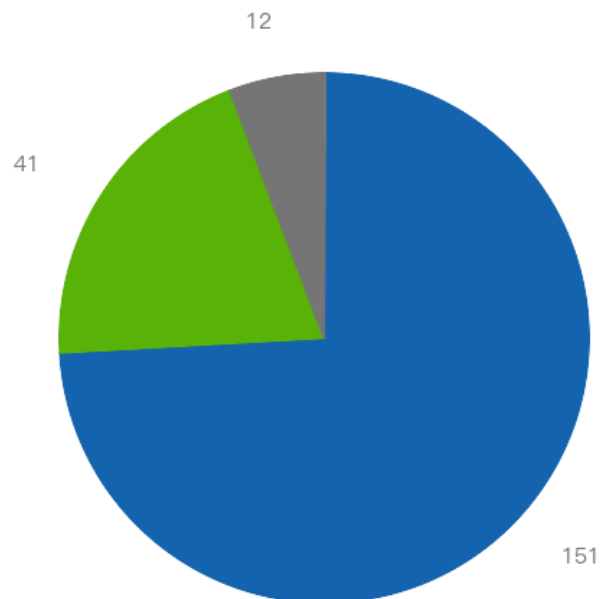
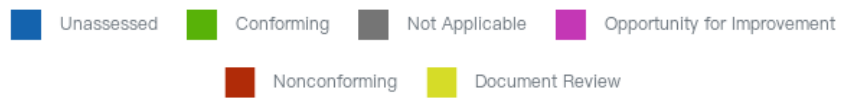
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Summary of Objective Evidence



Audit Objective Evidence

From: LADY, JENNIFER <JENNIFER.LADY@nypd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 1:22 PM
To: dcjs.sm.forensiclabs; ANAB (QualityMatters@anab.org)
Cc: DELAROSA, BRYAN
Subject: Appointment of New Director, NYPD Latent Print Section (FI-0053)

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Good Afternoon,

This email is to inform you that Lt. Bryan De La Rosa has been appointed as Director/Commanding Officer of the NYPD Latent Print Section, replacing interim Director Sgt. Russell McLeod, effective Monday 11/10/2025.

Thank you,

Jennifer Lady
Quality Assurance Manager
NYPD, Latent Print Section
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December 4, 2025

Dr. Scott O'Neill
New York City Police Department
Police Laboratory
150-14 Jamaica Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432

Dear Director O'Neill,

Congratulations! On December 1, 2025, ANAB made the decision to maintain your organization's accreditation in the Field of Forensic Testing. ANAB is satisfied that your organization meets or exceeds accreditation requirements, including the requirements of your own documented management system.

To retain accredited status until the expiry date on the Certificate of Accreditation, a conformity assessment body (CAB) is expected to continue to meet the Requirements under which it was accredited, as well as the responsibilities and obligations of ANAB's Terms and Conditions for Accreditation. The principal means by which ANAB monitors on-going conformance are Program dependent and may include surveillance activities, CAB and personnel performance in proficiency testing and other monitoring activities, complaints, and CAB self-disclosure of significant events and nonconformities.

The planned assessment schedule is listed below:

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| • October 2026 | Surveillance Assessment without Witnessing |
| • October 2027 | Surveillance Assessment with Witnessing |
| • October 2028 | Surveillance Assessment without Witnessing |
| • October 2029 | Reassessment |

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The report was provided to you during the assessment activity and an electronic version of accreditation documents is included with this letter.

Achieving accreditation is the result of an extensive commitment of resources and much preparation by the management and personnel of the entire organization. I commend the efforts of all who were involved in this achievement. On behalf of ANAB, I extend my sincere congratulations to you. If you have any questions or if ANAB might assist you in any way, please feel free to get in touch with us at qualitymatters@anab.org.

Sincerely,



Nita Bolz
Senior Manager of Accreditation
ANSI National Accreditation Board

cc: Stephanie O'Shea, Quality Assurance Manager
ANAB Office



CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The ANSI National Accreditation Board

Hereby attests that

**New York City Police Department
Police Laboratory
150-14 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11432 USA**

Fulfills the requirements of

ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)

In the field of

Forensic Testing

This certificate is valid only when accompanied by a current scope of accreditation document.
The current scope of accreditation can be verified at www.anab.org.



Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 28 February 2030
Certificate Number: FT-0251





SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO:
ISO/IEC 17025:2017
Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)

New York City Police Department Police Laboratory
150-14 Jamaica Avenue
Jamaica, New York 11432 USA

FORENSIC TESTING

ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Granted: 20 March 2008

Certificate Number: FT-0251

Certificate Expiry Date: 28 February 2030

Discipline: Document Examination		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Authentication	Document Substrate	General Microscopy Imaging Reference Collection Software Program Visual
Chemical/Physical Comparison	Content Copier Document Fractured Item Printer Substrate	General Microscopy Imaging Reference Collection Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Content Copier Document Ink Printer Substrate	General Microscopy Imaging Reference Collection Software Program Visual
Recovery	Content Document	Electrostatic Detection Device General Microscopy Imaging Software Program Visual

This Scope of Accreditation, version 13, was last updated on: 01 December 2025 and is valid only when accompanied by the Certificate.

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Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Explosive	Chemical Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Imaging Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Microcrystalline Raman Spectroscopy Scanning Electron Microscopy Visual X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy X-ray Powder Diffraction Spectroscopy
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Distance Determination	Firearm Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment
Function Evaluation	Air Gun Firearm Silencer	Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Firearm Metal Nitrate/Nitrite	Chemical General Microscopy Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

Discipline: Friction Ridge		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Ridge Detail	Chemical Physical Software Program

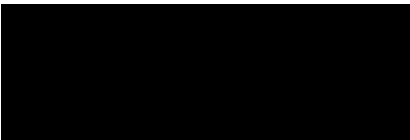
Discipline: Impressions		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Footwear	Chemical Physical Software Program
Physical Comparison	Footwear	General Microscopy Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Footwear	Reference Collection

Discipline: Materials (Trace)		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Chemical/Physical Comparison	Coating Fiber/Textile Fractured Item General Unknown Glass Polymer Tape	Chemical Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Fluorescence Spectroscopy Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Microcrystalline Microspectrophotometry Raman Spectroscopy Refractometry Scanning Electron Microscopy Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visible Spectroscopy Visual X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy X-ray Powder Diffraction Spectroscopy
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Reconstruction	Other Information Physical Item	Not Applicable
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Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Raman Spectroscopy Thin-Layer Chromatography Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Liquid Solid	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Ultraviolet Spectroscopy
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

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Vice President, Forensics



New York City Police Department Police Laboratory

2025 – 17025 – Y4 – Reassessment

Prepared by Elizabeth Ziolkowski

Data collected on 2025-10-20

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United States

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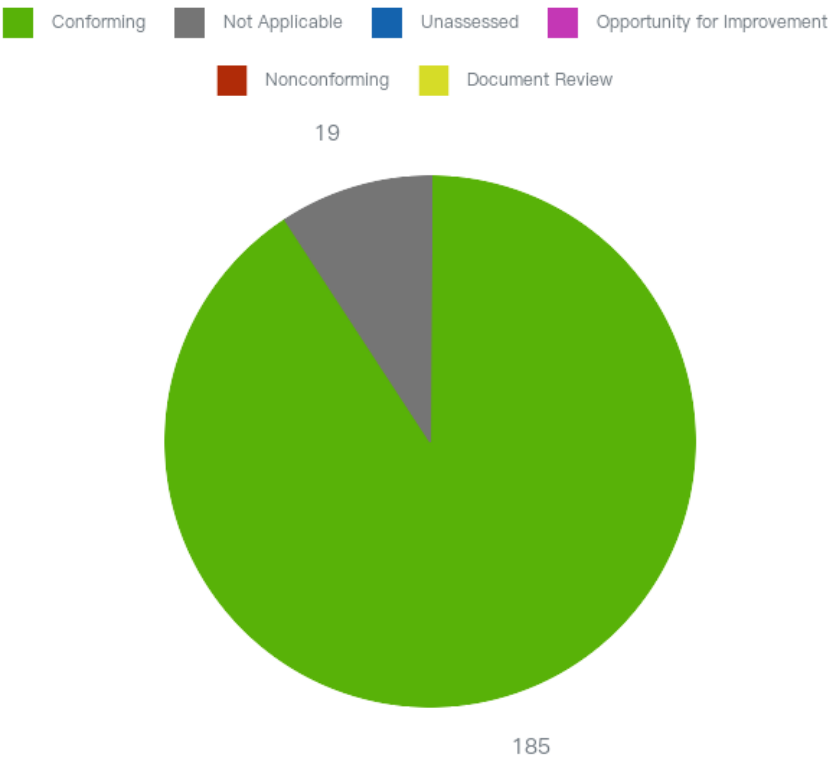
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Audit Objective Evidence



December 5, 2025

Andrea Lester
80 South Swan Street
Albany, New York 12210
United States of America

Dear Director Lester,

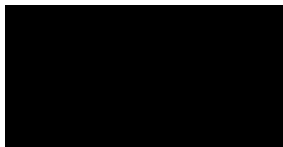
Congratulations! On November 26, 2025, ANAB approved the continuation of your organization's accreditation based upon the results of your recent surveillance activity. Continuation of accreditation is a formal acknowledgement that your organization continues to operate in conformance with accreditation requirements. The report was provided to you during the assessment activity.

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The next assessment activity is a Surveillance Assessment with witnessing scheduled for the week of November 15th, 2026.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to quality and the accreditation process.

Sincerely,



Natasha Wheatley
Senior Manager of Accreditation
ANSI National Accreditation Board



New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services - Latent Print Laboratory

2025 - 17025 - Y1 - Surveillance assessment without Witnessing

Prepared by Tondala Bausano

Data collected on 2025-11-01

ANSI National Accreditation Board

United States

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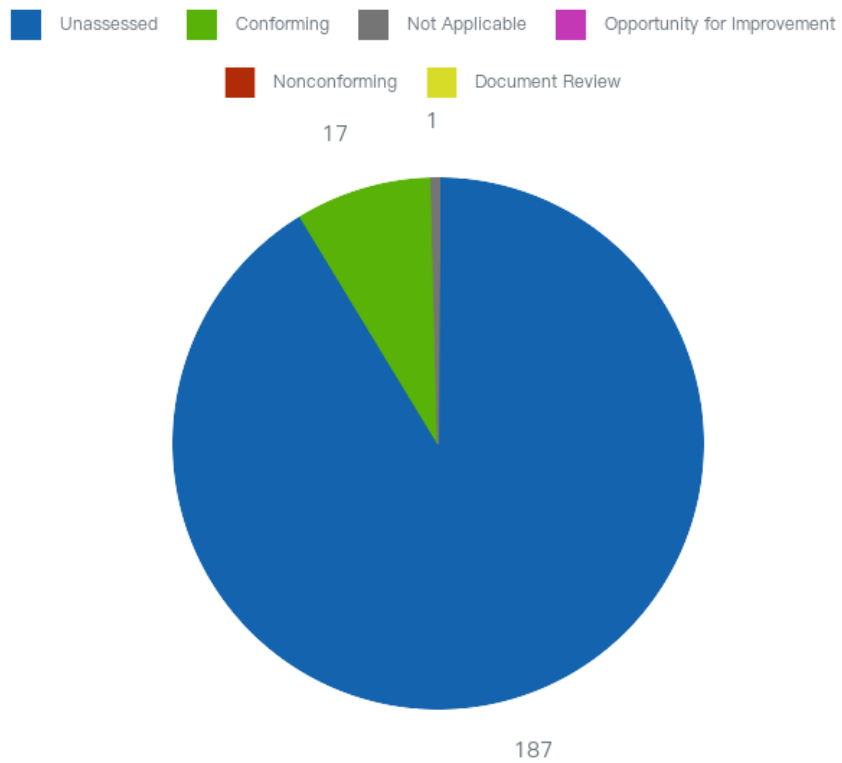
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Summary of Objective Evidence



Audit Objective Evidence



October 13, 2025

Ranee Ho
Onondaga County Center for
Forensic Sciences Laboratory
100 Elizabeth Blackwell Street
Syracuse, New York 13210

Dear Director Ho,

Congratulations! On October 13, 2025, ANAB made the decision to maintain your organization's accreditation in the Field of Forensic Testing. ANAB is satisfied that your organization meets or exceeds accreditation requirements, including the requirements of your own documented management system.

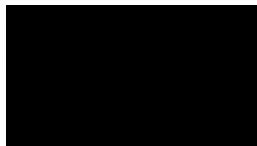
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Sincerely,



Nita J. Bolz
Senior Manager of Accreditation
ANSI National Accreditation Board

cc: Kathleen Hum, Quality Assurance Manager
ANAB Office



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO:
ISO/IEC 17025:2017
Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2020

Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences Laboratory

100 Elizabeth Blackwell Street
Syracuse, New York 13210 USA

FORENSIC TESTING

ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Granted: 04 April 2008

Certificate Number: FT-0229

Certificate Expiry Date: 31 January 2029

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Epithelial Cell	Chemical General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Digital and Video/Imaging Technology and Analysis		
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Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

This Scope of Accreditation, version 005, was last updated on: 13 October 2025 and is valid only when accompanied by the Certificate.

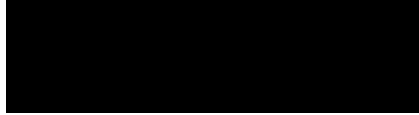
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Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Distance Determination	Firearm Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

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Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
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Discipline: Seized Drugs		
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Pamela L. Sale
Vice President, Forensics



Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences Laboratory

2025 – 17025 – Y1 - Surveillance Assessment Without Witnessing

Prepared by Natasha Wheatley

Data collected on 2025-09-01

ANSI National Accreditation Board

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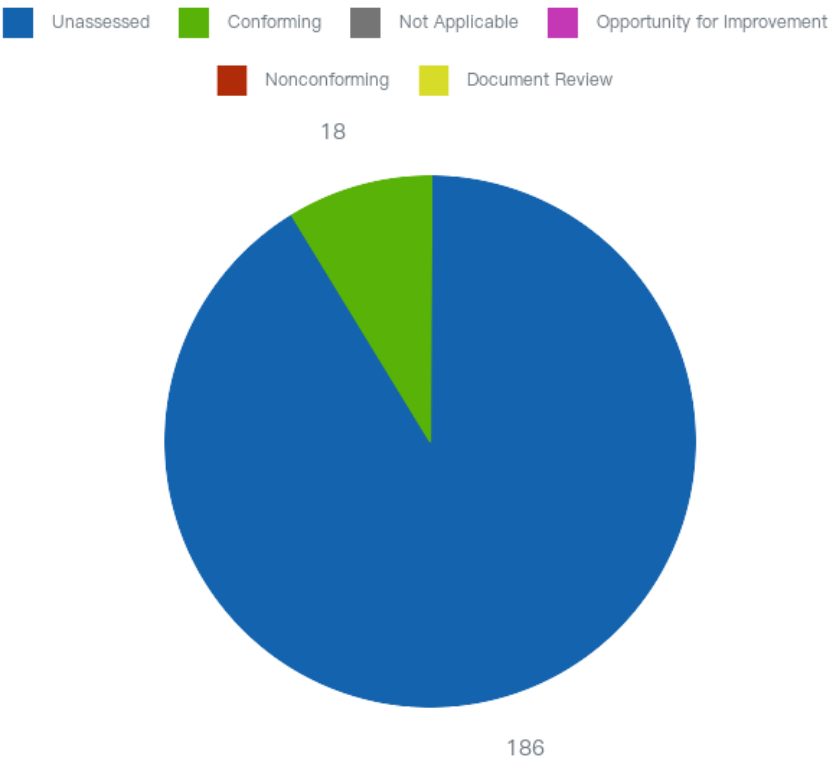
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DNA Subcommittee

November 14, 2025

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Rossana Rosado
Chair, Commission on Forensic Science
Division of Criminal Justice Services
80 South Swan Street
Albany, New York 12210

Dear Commissioner Rosado:

At the November 7, 2025, DNA Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting, members reviewed the final ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) Assessment Report for the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory.

The Subcommittee voted to issue a binding recommendation to the Commission on Forensic Science to renew the New York State Accreditation of the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory in the discipline of Biology for the period concurrent with their ANAB accreditation. This accreditation is valid until December 31, 2029.

Very truly yours,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Michael Coble.

Michael Coble, Ph.D.
Chair, DNA Subcommittee

cc: Members of the Commission on Forensic Science
Shelley Palmer, Director, OFS
Matthew Schrantz, Esq., Special Counsel



October 1, 2025

Dear Chief Dinkel,

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Sincerely,



Caprice Fowler
Manager, Operations
ANSI National Accreditation Board



CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The ANSI National Accreditation Board

Hereby attests that

Suffolk County Crime Laboratory
725 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Hauppauge, New York 11788 USA

Fulfills the requirements of

ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2025

In the field of

Forensic Testing

This certificate is valid only when accompanied by a current scope of accreditation document.
The current scope of accreditation can be verified at www.anab.org.



Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 31 December 2029
Certificate Number: FT-0219





ANSI National Accreditation Board



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO:
ISO/IEC 17025:2017
Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2025

Suffolk County Crime Laboratory

725 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Hauppauge, New York 11788 USA

FORENSIC TESTING

ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Granted: 10 April 2013

Certificate Number: FT-0219

Certificate Expiry Date: 31 December 2029

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid	Chemical Fluorescence Spectroscopy General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Function Evaluation	Air Gun Conducted Electrical Weapon Firearm Silencer	Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition Tool/Toolmark	General Microscopy Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm Tool	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Visual

Discipline: Impressions		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Footwear Tire	Chemical Physical Software Program
Physical Comparison	Footwear Tire	Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Footwear Tire	NA

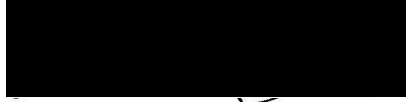
Discipline: Materials (Trace)		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Chemical/Physical Comparison	Coating Fiber/Textile Fractured Item General Unknown Glass Metal Polymer Tape	Chemical Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Measuring Equipment Microspectrophotometry Refractometry Scanning Electron Microscopy Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visible Spectroscopy Visual X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy

Qualitative Determination	Coating Fiber/Textile General Unknown Glass Gunshot Residue Hair Metal Polymer Tape	Chemical Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Measuring Equipment Microspectrophotometry Reference Collection Refractometry Scanning Electron Microscopy Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visible Spectroscopy Visual X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy
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Discipline: Scene Investigation		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Field Sampling	Physical Item	Not Applicable
Enhancement	Physical Item	Chemical Physical
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Physical Item	Chemical Visual
Trajectory Determination	Physical Item	Imaging Equipment

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Microcrystalline Raman Spectroscopy Thin Layer Chromatography Visual
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Pamela L. Sale
Vice President, Forensics



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Department of Laboratories and Research

October 22, 2025

To whom it may concern:

As of October 20, 2025, Eliza Scuderi has completed her training and will resume her role full time as QA manager. Please add her e-mail to any correspondence sent to the lab.
(ecal@westchestercountyny.gov)

Sincerely yours

[Redacted Signature]

Christopher J. Cording, MS D-ABFT-FT
Director of Toxicology



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September 30, 2025

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Caprice Fowler
Manager, Operations
ANSI National Accreditation Board



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO:
ISO/IEC 17025:2017
Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)

Westchester County Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory
2 Dana Road
Valhalla, New York 10595 USA

FORENSIC TESTING

ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Granted: 15 October 2013

Certificate Number: FT-0169 Certificate Expiry Date: 31 October 2026

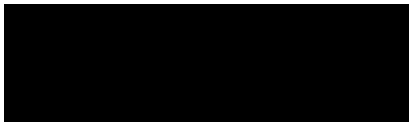
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Pamela L. Sale
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**Westchester County Department of Public Safety - Crime
Laboratory**

2025 - 17025 - Y3 - Surveillance Assessment Without Witnessing

Prepared by Guillermo Ortiz

Data collected on 2025-06-01

ANSI National Accreditation Board

United States

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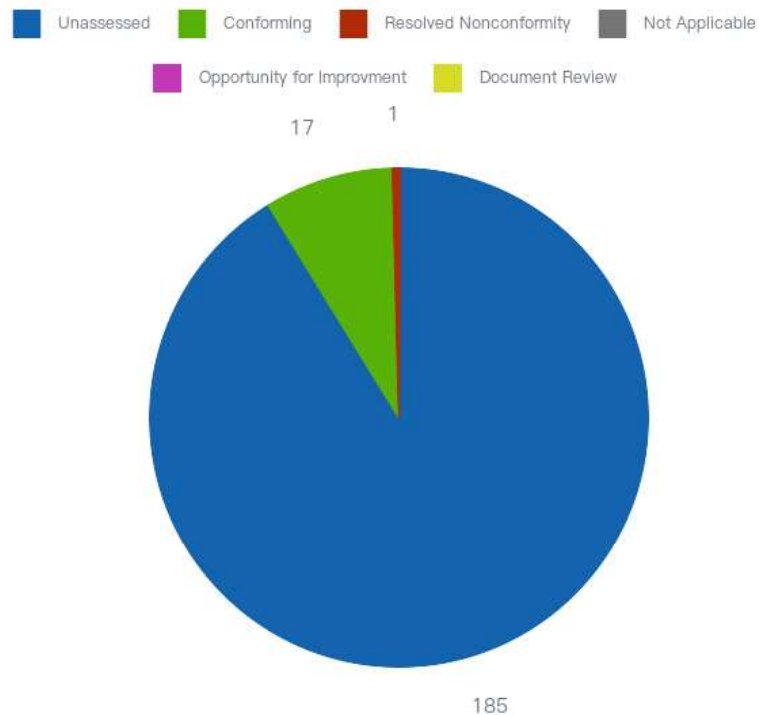
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Summary of Comments



Audit Comments

7.10 Nonconforming work

7.10.1 ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Resolved Nonconformity

Requirement

Does the laboratory have a procedure that is implemented when any aspect of its laboratory activities or results of this work do not conform to its own procedures or the agreed requirements of the customer (e.g. equipment or environmental conditions are out of specified limits, results of monitoring fail to meet specified criteria)? Does the procedure ensure that:

- a) the responsibilities and authorities for the management of nonconforming work are defined?
- b) actions (including halting or repeating of work and withholding of reports, as necessary) are based upon the risk levels established by the laboratory?
- c) an evaluation is made of the significance of the nonconforming work, including an impact analysis on previous results?
- d) a decision is taken on the acceptability of the nonconforming work?
- e) where necessary, the customer is notified and work is recalled?
- f) the responsibility for authorizing the resumption of work is defined?

Nonconformity Resolution Workflow

The laboratory didn't address the disclosure related to recording the release of evidence in accordance with its nonconforming policies and procedures.

Corrective Action Closure Note: The laboratory evaluated the cause and extent of the nonconformity. Based on this, the laboratory updated its Quality Manual to clearly define when and how to implement the QIRF (Quality Incident Report Form) based on risk. The updated Quality Manual, Risk-Based Decision Matrix, the nonconformance Exceptions Log, QIRF, and corrective actions forms, and the communication records were reviewed. The nonconformity is resolved.