

COM: Independent External Investigations of Complaints

Complaints of negligence or misconduct

Allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of forensic test results committed by laboratory employees will be investigated by the Sacramento County District Attorney Bureau of Investigations.

Policy

The Sacramento County District Attorney Laboratory of Forensic Services will closely coordinate the following services with the Sacramento County District Attorney Bureau of Investigations through:

- Abiding by policies in place pertaining to complaints of negligence or misconduct by employees or contractors substantially affecting the integrity of forensic results
 - The provisions of the California Penal Code §148.6 state, in part, that each department or agency that employs peace officers shall establish a procedure to investigate complaints against personnel. The procedure established by the Sacramento County District Attorney sets forth a method to receive and investigate complaints against peace officers and others in the Sacramento County District Attorney's office.
 - Conducting external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct, specifically,
 - When the Bureau of Investigations receives a complaint, a thorough investigation will be conducted following the established procedures of the District Attorney's Office
 - When deemed necessary by the Chief Investigator, a panel of external forensic experts may be convened to review allegations of forensic misconduct and provide advice and recommendations to investigators
 - Upon completion of the investigation, all findings are directed through the District Attorney for a final disposition.
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