



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIME LABORATORY DIRECTORS LABORATORY ACCREDITATION BOARD

July 24, 2000

Mr. Robert A. Jarzen, Director
Sacramento County District Attorney's
Laboratory of Forensic Services
4800 Broadway, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95820

Dear Director Jarzen:

On July 15, 2000, the Board of Directors of ASCLD/LAB met and considered the application from the Sacramento County District Attorney's Laboratory of Forensic Services for accreditation by ASCLD/LAB. Based on the documentation provided and in accordance with the recommendation of Inspection Team Captain Amy Wong, the Board is satisfied that the Sacramento County District Attorney's Laboratory of Forensic Services meets or exceeds the standards for accreditation as set forth by ASCLD/LAB in the 1999 version of the Accreditation Manual.

It is my pleasure to advise you that the Sacramento County District Attorney's Laboratory of Forensic Services was accredited by ASCLD/LAB in the disciplines of controlled substances, toxicology, trace evidence, serology, DNA and firearms/ toolmarks. This accreditation is for a period of five (5) years beginning July 15, 2000. Accreditation by ASCLD/LAB is granted only after a thorough evaluation of a laboratory's operation including management practices, personnel qualifications, technical procedures, quality assurance program and facilities. We recognize that accreditation is the result of much work and preparation by the management and the personnel in your laboratory. On behalf of the Board of Directors of ASCLD/LAB, I extend sincere congratulations for this significant accomplishment.

As an accredited laboratory, you will be expected to maintain the high standards which were required to become accredited. Your laboratory will be expected to participate in external proficiency testing and to agree for your test results to be reviewed by the appropriate Proficiency Review Committees (PRCs) as outlined in the ASCLD/LAB accreditation manual. In addition, you will be expected to do an annual audit of your laboratory and to submit the Annual Accreditation Review Report (appendix 6 in the manual) to the Executive Director by April 1 of each year. Your laboratory will be invoiced annually, near the end of the year, for an accreditation fee which is set by the Delegate Assembly.

Accreditation certificate number 220 will be forwarded to you under separate cover in the near future and you will be placed on the ASCLD/LAB mailing list to receive any correspondence related to updates or changes in the program. If you wish to hold an accreditation ceremony involving an ASCLD/LAB Board member, please contact Executive Director Ralph Keaton to arrange and schedule the ceremony.

As the director of an accredited laboratory, you are a voting member of the ASCLD/LAB Delegate Assembly which meets annually in conjunction with the Symposium on Crime Laboratory Development and the annual meeting of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. We invite you or your designee to attend and participate in this meeting which is generally held during the month of September.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere congratulations to you and to all of the personnel of your laboratory. If you have any questions or if we might assist you in any way please feel free to get in touch with us.

My best wishes to you and your staff.

Sincerely,


Anthony Longhetti
Chair, ASCLD/LAB

cc: Amy Wong, Inspection Team Captain
Larry Lorschach, Treasurer
Ralph Keaton, Executive Director