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Metropolitan Police Department's Crime Laboratory Awarded Accreditation

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, ("the department") announced that the crime laboratory successfully completed its accreditation process and has been awarded accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) under the International Testing Program. This marks the first time in the history of the department that the crime laboratory has been awarded such a prestigious accreditation. By achieving this milestone, the department's crime laboratory becomes one of only 250 labs accredited under the International Testing Program.

To achieve accreditation, the crime laboratory had to demonstrate that it met or exceeded the highest established standards for forensic laboratories. The accreditation process involved a thorough evaluation in the areas of management system, technical procedures and practices, personnel qualifications, quality assurance program and facilities. The Biology/DNA Section, Drug Section, Evidence Technician Unit, Firearms Section and Latent Print Section were included in the crime laboratory's International Organization for Standardization (ISO) accreditation process.

This is an outstanding achievement for the SLMPD Crime Lab and the Department as a whole.

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