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To whom it may concern:

On January 27, 2017 the Laboratory Manager and the Quality Manager were made aware of a complaint by the Scottsdale City Prosecutor's Office regarding the testimony of a staff member. Initially this was thought to be a performance issue only; however, during the investigation of the complaint there arose a question of the staff member's integrity based on the review of their testimony. Our laboratory is notifying ASCLD/LAB per the program overview, Section 4.6, which states:

Any significant event or significant nonconformity related to an accreditation requirement for which there is a reasonable expectation that knowledge of the event or nonconformity by interested parties external to the forensic service provider would call into question the quality of the forensic service provider's work or the integrity of its personnel must be disclosed within thirty (30) calendar days upon the director or quality manager recognizing it as significant.

At this time, the examiner has been removed from casework, interviews, and testimony. The investigation into the complaint has been turned over to the Scottsdale Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit. The IA unit will determine if the allegations are sustained. The City Prosecutor's Office has been made aware of the investigation status.

Any further actions taken by the laboratory will be dependent on the outcome of the IA investigation.

Sincerely,

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Raines, Melinda - B1466

From: Yoder, Anna <ayoder@anab.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:53 AM
To: Raines, Melinda - B1466
Cc: Cano, Kris - B1157
Subject: 170222-ScottsdalePD-Member's Integrity-notif_ack
Attachments: 20170221154922748_0001.pdf

RE: Acknowledgment for Receipt of Disclosed 2017 Event: Member's Integrity
ASCLD/LAB-International Certificate Number #: ALI-168-T

Dear Ms. Raines,

Thank you for the email and accompanying attachment submitted to the "Quality Matters" on February 21 2017, in which you notified ANAB of the above referenced event whereby a member's integrity came into question.

Kindly accept this email as formal acknowledgment of receipt of the laboratory's notification by ANAB.

In accordance with the current version of ASCLD/LAB-International Program Overview Version, Section 4.6 - Disclosure of Significant Changes, Events & Nonconformities; this matter is subject to review during your laboratory's next regularly scheduled assessment or conformance monitoring activity. Therefore, a follow-up report for this self-reported disclosure is not being requested at this time and a notification of closure will not be issued by ANAB.

Questions regarding ANAB's approach to self-reported disclosures of significant events and nonconformities may be directed to me at ayoder@anab.org or 724-331-4117.

Thank you very much for your ongoing compliance with the obligations of an accredited laboratory.

Cc: Kris Cano

Sincerely,

Anna T. Yoder

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From: Raines, Melinda - B1466 [<mailto:MRaines@scottsdaleaz.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 5:00 PM

To: QualityMatters <qualitymatters@anab.org>

Subject: FW: Message from "PD-MSC-CLSEC-RICOH4503"

Please find attached notification of a significant event.

If you have any questions please contact either myself or Kris Cano, Forensic Laboratory Manager.

Thank you,

Mindy Raines

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Memorandum

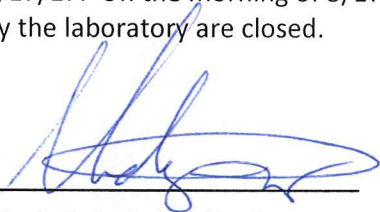
To: FILE

From: Mindy Raines, Quality Assurance

Date: 4/24/2017

Re: Blood Alcohol Testimony Performance Investigation-CLOSED

The investigation into the testimony of Amy Langan from 1/24/2017 was turned over to the Internal Affairs Unit of the Scottsdale Police Department. A final copy of the investigation was not given to the laboratory to maintain, however, the laboratory is aware of the results and findings issued by IA. The IA investigation sustained the complaint of failure to perform job duties and lack of professionalism. The complaint regarding integrity was unsustainable. A remedial training plan was in the process of being made, beginning with a mock court on the case in question scheduled for 3/17/17. On the morning of 3/17/17 Amy Langan resigned. This investigation and all remediation by the laboratory are closed.



Mindy Raines, Quality Assurance