



Quality Division Use Only

Quality Tracking #:	<input type="text" value="2019-067"/>	Classification:	<input type="text" value="Incident"/>
Non-Conformance Level:	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	Section:	<input type="text" value="Seized Drugs"/>
Date of Discovery:	<input type="text" value="08/13/19"/>	Date of Incident:	<input type="text" value="03/14/14"/>

Forensic Case Number(s), if applicable:	Agency Case Number(s), if applicable:
2014-04168	021045614

Description of Non-conformance:

The laboratory report with preliminary testing results for case 2014-04168 was amended to correct the reported units for item 3.1 from "grams" to "ounces". This case was recalled for additional analysis as requested by the Harris County District Attorney's Office Conviction Integrity Division. The analyst assigned to perform this analysis discovered that the original reported weight was in the incorrect units of measurement.

Additional Information/Follow-Up:

At the time of the original analysis, preliminary testing was performed on seized drug cases where defendants had taken a plea with a final disposition of disposed (DISP) or deferred adjudication (DADJ) listed in the Harris County District Attorney's Office Justice Information System (JIMS). Preliminary testing only requires one positive test to indicate whether a controlled substance is present or not. JIMS lists this case as having a final disposition of DISP as of February 24, 2014. The preliminary testing on this case was performed in March 2014. In 2018, the Harris County District Attorney's Office Conviction Integrity Division began to request additional testing on numerous cases where only preliminary testing was performed to confirm that a controlled substance was present and that the results were consistent with the plea agreement. Additional testing was requested for this case in January 2019.



Summary of Root Cause Analysis:

Note: Incidents are documented for tracking purposes and trend analysis. Root Cause Analysis is not required for incidents.

N/A

Actions Taken:

The original report was amended to correct the units of measurement and the following comment was added: "This report amends Laboratory Report # 1 to correct the reported weight units from "grams" to "ounces". The test methods used on the reported item, its disposition, the location of testing, and an updated header were also added to this report. The original report is available at the Houston Forensic Science Center upon request. For more information please refer to Quality Report 2019-067." A new report was issued on October 1, 2019 documenting the results of the additional testing requested and the following comment was added: "This report includes the results of additional testing as requested by Keith Satterwhite with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Please refer to amended Laboratory Report dated September 20, 2019 for the results of previous analysis. For more information regarding the amended report, refer to Quality Report 2019-067."

Section Manager: James Miller

Date: 10/02/19

Division Director: Amy Castillo

Date: 10/03/19

Incidents or Corrective Actions that involve the Biology/DNA section are reviewed by the Technical Leader and CODIS Administrator.

Technical Leader: N/A

Date: N/A

CODIS Administrator: N/A

Date: N/A

Quality Director: Erika Ziemak

Date Closed: 10/04/19