



Quality Division Use Only

Quality Tracking #:	<input type="text" value="2021-057"/>	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="09/21/21"/>	Date of Incident:	<input type="text" value="09/21/21"/>

Forensic Case Number(s), if applicable:	Agency Case Number(s), if applicable:
2019-07045	041713819

Description of Non-conformance:

During the re-analysis of a Seized Drugs case, it was noted that while the weights obtained corresponded with the original weights, the items appeared to have been mislabeled. The original and re-analysis results were consistent and both confirmed the presence of the same controlled substance.

Additional Information/Follow-Up:

Harris County ADA Vonnie Dones requested the re-analysis of this case since the original analyst was not available for testimony. The re-analysis by the second analyst on sub-items 1-1 and 1-2 confirmed the presence of cocaine which was consistent with the original results.

During the original analysis of these items, a section supervisor verified the weights to compare with the weights as noted by the officer. During the review of the re-analysis results, a section supervisor noted a discrepancy between the weights reported in the original analysis and in the re-analysis. The section supervisor verified the weights obtained during the re-analysis with the analyst.

Since the weights were verified on both instances by a section supervisor, it is unknown when the mislabeling of the items occurred. However, this discrepancy did not have a technical impact on the reported results (contains cocaine) nor on the reported weight thresholds (<1gram).



Actions Taken:

Once this quality report has been finalized, the ADA will be contacted and provided with a copy of the original report, the re-analysis report, and the quality report.

The following header will be included on the re-analysis report: This report includes the results of re-analysis as requested by ADA Vonnie Dones with the Harris County District Attorney's Office for an upcoming trial. Please see Quality Report 2021-057 for further information regarding the re-analysis.

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

Section Manager: James Miller

Date: 10/22/21

Division Director: Amy Castillo

Date: 10/25/21

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: 10/25/21