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SUBJECT: Specimen Testing Kit Requirement (Driving Cases)

In April 2021, the DPS Crime Laboratory was informed by law enforcement agencies that they were unable to purchase toxicology blood alcohol collection kits due to a supply shortage from the DPS approved kit vendor (WorkQuest). WorkQuest confirmed the supply shortage and in May 2021, the DPS Crime Laboratory enacted a temporary measure to allow law enforcement agencies to submit toxicology blood alcohol collection kits purchased from third party vendors. This temporary measure was to allow WorkQuest to replenish their supply. WorkQuest has advised that all back orders have been filled and anticipate being fully operational by January 2022.

Effective March 1, 2022, DPS Crime Laboratory locations will no longer accept toxicology blood evidence collection kits purchased from third party vendors. All toxicology blood evidence must be submitted to DPS Crime Laboratory locations in DPS approved toxicology blood evidence collection kits.

DPS approved toxicology blood evidence collection kits can be purchased through one of the following options.

- 1) DPS General Store (DPS PERSONNEL ONLY)
- 2) Texas Smart Buy
 - a. Questions regarding membership or purchasing can be sent via email to txsmartbuy@cpa.texas.gov or via telephone to 512-463-3034 option 1
 - b. Toxicology and Blood Alcohol Kit: <http://www.txsmartbuy.com/product/5641674>

If you have specific questions, contact your local DPS Crime Laboratory location.