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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY

FROM:

AMANDA BOLDUC, TOXICOLOGY SECTION SUPERVISOR

SUBJECT:

BLOOD DRUG TESTING

DATE:

2/11/2019

The Vermont Forensic Laboratory (VFL) Toxicology Section is pleased to announce that as of February 11, 2019 we will analyze blood samples for impairing drugs in DUI-D cases. The VFL will utilize an instrument called a Randox Evidence Investigator using an immunoassay method to screen samples for:

Meth / Amphetamines

Meprobamate

**Barbiturates** 

Methadone

Benzodiazepines

Opiates

Buprenorphine

Opioids

Cannabinoids

Phencyclidine

Cocaine Metabolite

TCA

Dextromethorphan

Tramadol

Dextromethorphar

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Fentanyl

Zolpidem

The VFL will also confirm samples that screen positive for Cannabinoids using High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). If confirmation is required for analytes other than THC, samples will be sent to NMS Labs. In the meantime, the VFL will be validating confirmation procedures for other common analytes (e.g. opioids, cocaine, etc.). Currently all blood drug testing performed at the VFL is outside the laboratory's scope of accreditation. The three analysts who are authorized to perform this testing are David Patlak, Anisha Paul and Jeff Dukette. Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory with any questions.