

TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Forensic Services Division

Toxicology Quality Assurance and Procedures Manual

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The following is a typical analysis path for testing within the Toxicology Unit. This may vary based on the circumstances of the case.

6.22.1 Unless otherwise noted, the evidence will be analyzed first for the presence of alcohol and other accompanying volatile compounds.

6.22.2 If the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is equal to or greater than 0.08 gm% and the offense is a DUI or lesser offense, the Official Alcohol Report will be generated. The evidence will then be marked for destruction unless requested otherwise.

6.22.3 If the BAC is less than 0.08 gm% and/or the indicated offense is greater than a DUI, an Official Alcohol Report will be issued and the case will undergo a series of drug screens and confirmations.

6.22.4 Once the drug testing is complete, the Official Toxicology Report(s) will be generated. The evidence will then be marked for destruction unless requested otherwise.

6.22.5 If the customer requests testing that is not available in the Toxicology Unit, it should be communicated via phone, electronically, or on the Official Alcohol/Toxicology Report(s) (e.g., "The Toxicology Unit of the TBI Crime Laboratory does not currently test for synthetic cannabinoids. Further testing would require outsourcing through an independent laboratory. Contact the crime lab if further testing is needed.")