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### **NOTICE OF DFS POLICY CHANGE**

To: All Agencies Serviced by Department of Forensic Science Laboratories  
From: Linda C. Jackson, Director   
Date: October 14, 2016  
RE: DFS Will No Longer Supply Marijuana Field Test Kits to Law Enforcement Agencies

Effective immediately, the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) will no longer be supplying marijuana field test kits to law enforcement agencies. The current DFS Marijuana Submission Policy, which discontinued the routine analysis of plant material in simple possession of marijuana cases, continues in effect. For plant material to be analyzed in a simple possession of marijuana case, a court order for the analysis of the plant material must be submitted with the evidence or the Request for Laboratory Examination (RFLE) form must indicate that the field test results were inconclusive. A list of approved marijuana field tests can be found at the following link:

<http://www.dfs.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Website-MJ-Lists-July-14-2014.pdf>

For questions regarding this change in policy, please contact DFS Director of Technical Services, Alka B. Lohmann, at (804) 786-2281.