

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory  
Change in Instrument Status Form

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Effective: 8/10/2022

Date: 5/3/2023

Instrument #: 100395

Instrument Location: AST/Aniak

Supervisor Name and Agency: Derek Walton - SCDL

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

Instrument was sent to AST Aniak to replace current instrument. 100395 was never placed in service. Requests were sent on 03/22/2023 and 05/03/2023 to return this instrument to the Crime Lab.

If instrument was placed in service or removed from service, fill out the appropriate sections below.

In Service Date/Time: NA

Out of Service Date/Time: NA

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Additional Notes

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:35 AM  
**To:** Gonzales, Lonnie N (DPS)  
**Cc:** Fowler, V Eugene (DPS); O'Bryant, Colleen S (DPS); Viernes, Jeffrey T (DPS); Malnoske, Tatiana A (DPS); Glaister, Carlie K (DPS)  
**Subject:** FW: AST Aniak DataMaster

Good morning Lt. Gonzales,

The Crime Lab currently has 2 DataMaster DMT instruments assigned to AST/Aniak post. Our records indicate that these instruments are not being used – one was sent to replace the other 4 months ago and has never been installed to our knowledge. The active instrument needs to be removed from service for preventive maintenance which is now overdue.

On 03/22/23, I requested that the DataMaster (referring to both of them) assigned to this post be returned to the Crime Lab (see my email below) based on lack of use and no one available locally to maintain the instruments. I did not receive a response from this request.

In order to make best use of the State's resources, both instruments are considered out of service by the breath program and I'm requesting both instruments be returned to the Crime Lab as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Derek Walton*

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**From:** Walton, Derek J (DPS)  
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**Subject:** AST Aniak DataMaster

Hello Sgt. Fowler,

It seems that the DataMaster in Aniak is not being used regularly and we do not have a local Supervisor if an issue did arise. Based on this, I believe the best course of action would be to return that instrument to the Crime Lab.

If you have any objection to this, please contact me directly. If not, please arrange for the return of that instrument to the lab so we can make best use of the state's resources.

*Derek Walton*

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