

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

Change in Instrument Status Form

Issued: 12/15/2017
Effective: 12/15/2017

Version: CIISF 2017 R0
Status: Active

Date: 2/17/2021 Instrument Serial Number: 100413

Instrument Location: Wildwood Pretrial

Supervisor Name and Agency: Brandi Barnett, Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

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

In Service Date/Time: _____

Out of Service Date/Time: _____

For Use by SCDL

Additional Notes

While signing and reviewing VOCs prior to posting I noticed that the Change in Instrument status form filled out by Megan Swangel on 1/11/2021 indicated that instrument 100413 was removed from service on 1/11/2021 for internal standard errors, simulator timeout, and tank interference status messages. There was a completed VOC on 1/12/2021 and two apparent subject tests performed on 1/16/2021. I reached out to Megan Swangel who indicated that she filled out the form with that date because AST had received some status messages but said that she did not physically remove it from service until the replacement arrived on 1/20/2021. Email communication between the lab and Kenai PD indicate that troubleshooting was occurring until 1/15/2021 when it was determined that the lab would send a replacement instrument. That instrument was received and went into service on 1/20/2021. See attached email documentation. The VOC from 1/12/2021 was not signed as the change in instrument status form indicated that the instrument was removed from service on 1/11/2021.

Email completed form to dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov

For questions contact the Breath Alcohol Program at 907-269-5740

Walton, Derek J (DPS)

From: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Megan Swangel
Subject: RE: KPD DMT IS BACK UP

Thank you! Please let us know if you encounter any issues.
Derek

From: Megan Swangel <mswangel@kenai.city>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:56 PM
To: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored) <dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>
Subject: KPD DMT IS BACK UP

Hello,

Attached are two forms. One is an out of service form and the other is a in-service form.

Thanks,
Megan

Kenai Police Department
107 S. Willow
Kenai, AK. 99611
P: 907-283-7879
F: 907-283-2267

Walton, Derek J (DPS)

From: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Megan Swangel
Subject: RE: Wildwood DMT

Yup that's fine – Lynden should be here to pick it up in a little bit.

Derek Walton

Forensic Scientist
State of Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

From: Megan Swangel <mswangel@kenai.city>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:31 AM
To: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored) <dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Wildwood DMT

I talked to some people and it's probably best to ship it. We don't have anybody in Anchorage.

Thanks!
Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2021, at 8:06 AM, DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored) <dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov> wrote:

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Hi Megan,

I talked to the other staff and I think we'll send you a replacement instrument. I'll get that over to Lynden today unless someone from your agency happens to be in Anchorage? If I don't hear from you, I'll just ship it.

Thanks,

Derek Walton

Forensic Scientist
State of Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

From: Megan Swangel <mswangel@kenai.city>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:02 AM

To: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored) <dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Wildwood DMT

Colleen,

I ran a few tests as you may see. One test said, "interference detected" and the other "simulator times out."

I ran a VOC and it came back as a good test. I then ran another test and it worked.

Let me know what we need to do.

Thanks,
Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2021, at 11:41 AM, Ryan Grimm <rgrimm@kenai.city> wrote:

Megan,

Can you and Chad run out and take care of this at some point today? Thanks

From: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored)

<dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:20 AM

To: Ryan Grimm

Subject: RE: Wildwood DMT

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Sgt. Grimm,

Please restart the instrument and attempt a non-drinking subject test to see if the issue occurs again.

Colleen O'Bryant

907-269-5783 (direct)

907-350-2111 (cell)

From: Ryan Grimm <rgrimm@kenai.city>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:48 PM
To: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored)
<dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>
Subject: Wildwood DMT

Hello,

Apparently last night a trooper went to use the Kenai DMT at Wildwood Pretrial and it gave a "simulator error." Any suggestions on this? Thanks

Sergeant Ryan Grimm
Kenai Police Department
107 S. Willow Street
Kenai, AK 99611
(907)283-7879

rgrimm@kenai.city

Barnett, Brandi M (DPS)

From: Barnett, Brandi M (DPS)
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Megan Swangel
Subject: Question about instrument 100413

Megan,

I was signing VOCs from 1/3/2021 and I noticed something unusual about this instrument that I am hoping you can shed more light on.

We have a change in instrument status form from you dated 1/11/2021 listing the instrument as being removed from service. It appears that it was experiencing some issues earlier and we requested you monitor it and then you finally had to remove it on 1/11/2021.

On 1/12/2021 a VOC was performed that passed and you ran two TEST, TEST subject tests on of which indicated interference detected and the other was completed.

On 1/16/2021 two subject tests were run on two DUI subjects.

There are no more records after this time.

I guess my confusion is how the instrument was still used when it was supposed to be out of service. Any chance you can fill in anything about what happened here? I am trying to figure out the correct course of action on how to proceed with the 1/12/2021 voc and the two subject tests.

Thanks,

Brandi M. Barnett
Chemistry Supervisor
Scientific Director - Breath and Blood Alcohol Program
Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
907-269-5695

Barnett, Brandi M (DPS)

From: Megan Swangel <mswangel@kenai.city>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Barnett, Brandi M (DPS)
Subject: RE: KPD DMT IS BACK UP

Brandi,

I filled it out because AST had some weird errors.

Megan

From: Barnett, Brandi M (DPS) <brandi.barnett@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Megan Swangel <mswangel@kenai.city>
Subject: RE: KPD DMT IS BACK UP

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Thank you. The only indication that it was out on the 11th was the Change in Instrument status form you filled out. Derek looked through his emails and indicated that he was going to send you a replacement on 1/15/2021 and did not specify if it should be removed from service or not. Do you remember why you filled out the form for the 11th? The only thing I can figure out is that was the first day you had problems again that led to more troubleshooting.

Brandi M. Barnett
Chemistry Supervisor
Scientific Director - Breath and Blood Alcohol Program
Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
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From: Megan Swangel <mswangel@kenai.city>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Barnett, Brandi M (DPS) <brandi.barnett@alaska.gov>
Subject: FW: KPD DMT IS BACK UP

Brandi,

After going through my emails, I'm not sure the DMT was taken out of service on the 16th. I wasn't instructed to do so when I was advised a replacement was on the way. It definitely went in and out the same day on the 20th.

Thanks,
Megan

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