

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
Change in Instrument Status Form

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Effective: 8/10/2022

Date: 5/3/2023

Instrument #: 100410

Instrument Location: AST Aniak

Supervisor Name and Agency: Derek Walton - SCDL

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

AST Aniak post was sent a replacement instrument on or about 01/09/2023 to replace 100410 which was due for preventive maintenance. 100410 was not taken out of service by the agency which had been unresponsive. On 03/22/2023 and 05/03/2023, requests were sent to the agency to return this instrument to the Crime Lab. The instrument will be considered out of service as of the date of the initial request to take the instrument out of service on 03/22/2023.

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: 03/22/2023

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Additional Notes

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

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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.

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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.

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