



Austin Forensic Science

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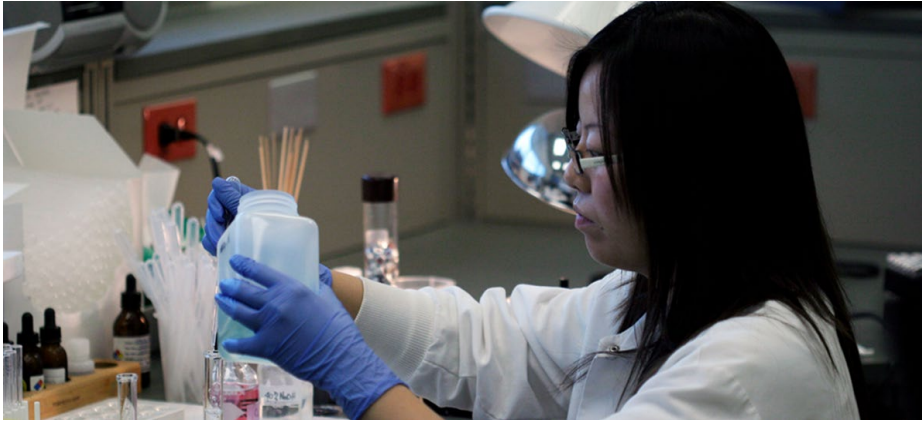
Our Vision

- To be a trusted forensic laboratory known for technically defensible, unbiased, and high-quality services to our community

Our Mission

- To provide accurate and impartial scientific analysis and support services to the criminal justice system while maintaining the highest level of quality and professionalism

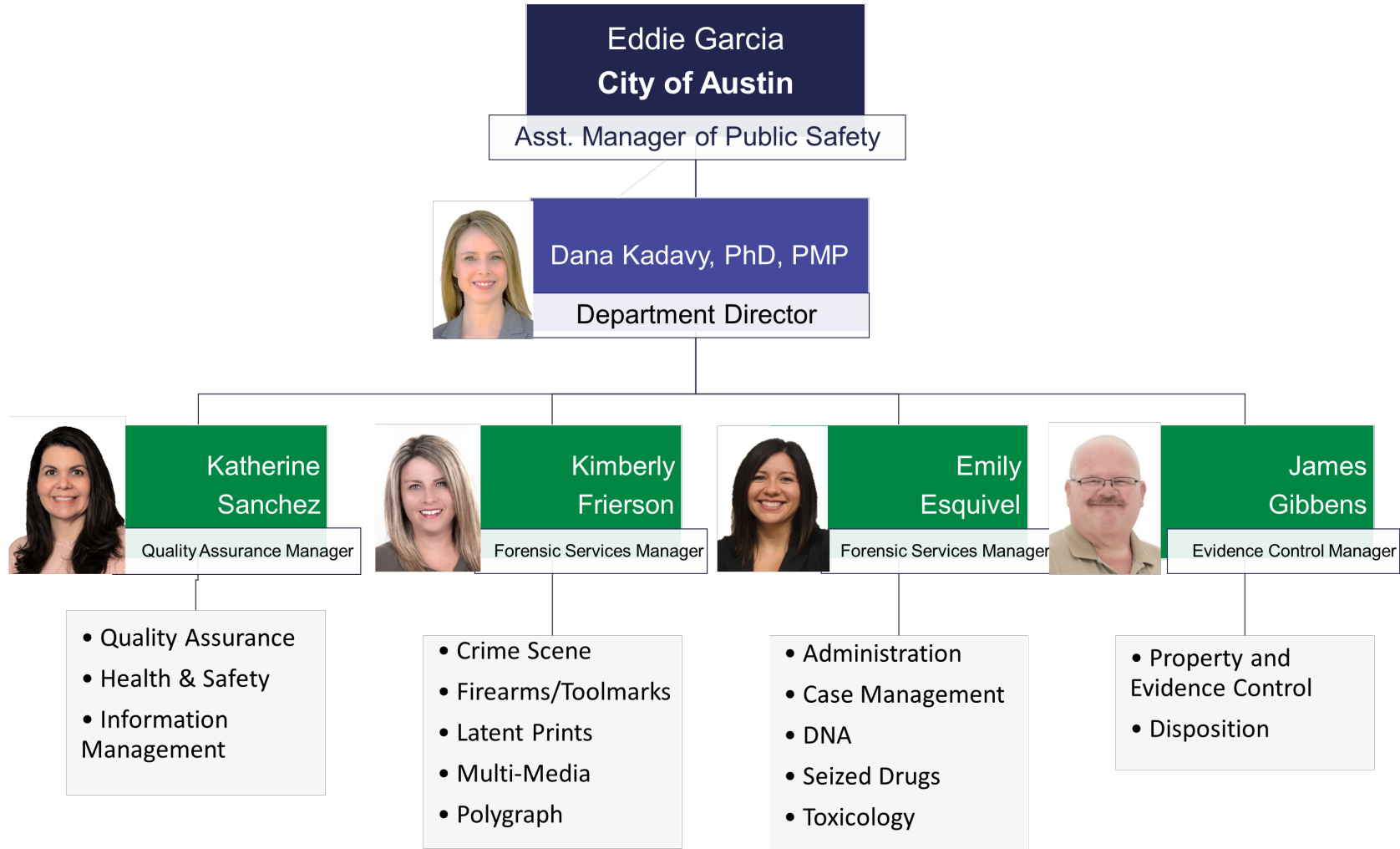




- *Truth Through Science*

- **T**echnical and Scientific Excellence
- **R**eliable Quality Service
- **U**nbiased and Accurate Analysis and Reporting
- **T**ransparent Procedures and Information Sharing
- **H**onest and Accountable Team Members

Austin Forensic Science Organization



Austin Forensic Science Core Services

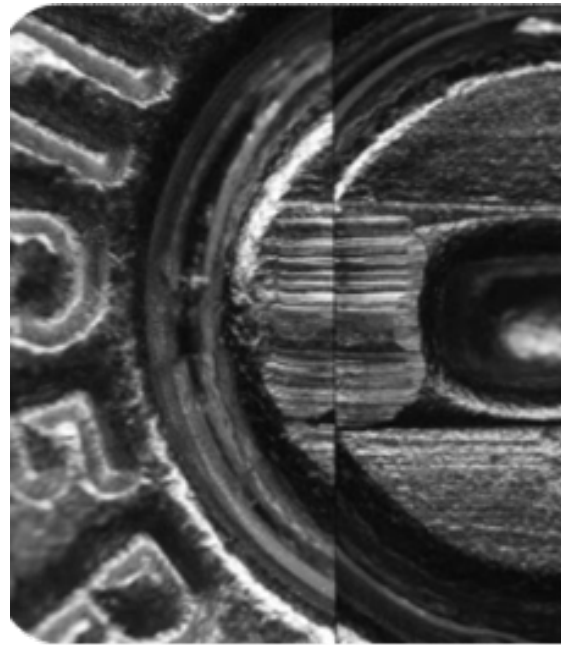
54 Certified & Licensed Experts

Crime Scene



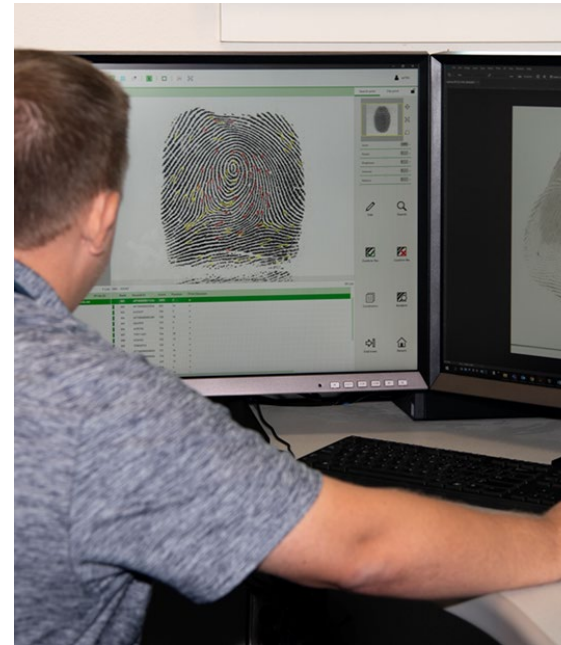
24/7 Field Response
Evidence Sampling & Collection
Latent Print Processing

Firearms & Toolmarks



Function Evaluation
Physical Comparison
Serial Number Restoration

Latent Prints



Physical Print Comparison
Individual characteristic
database

Seized Drugs

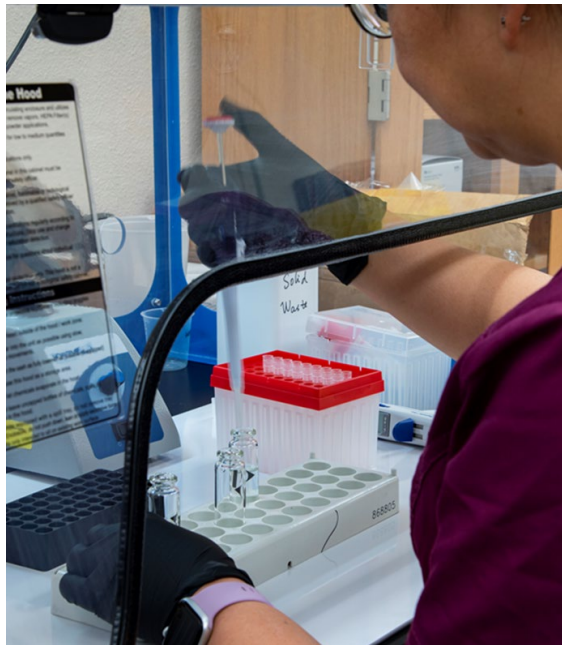


Identification and confirmation
of controlled substances
Weight measurement

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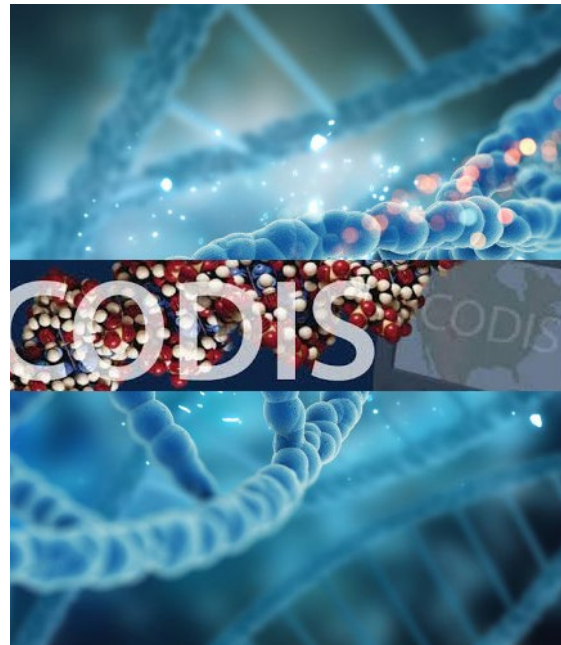
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Toxicology



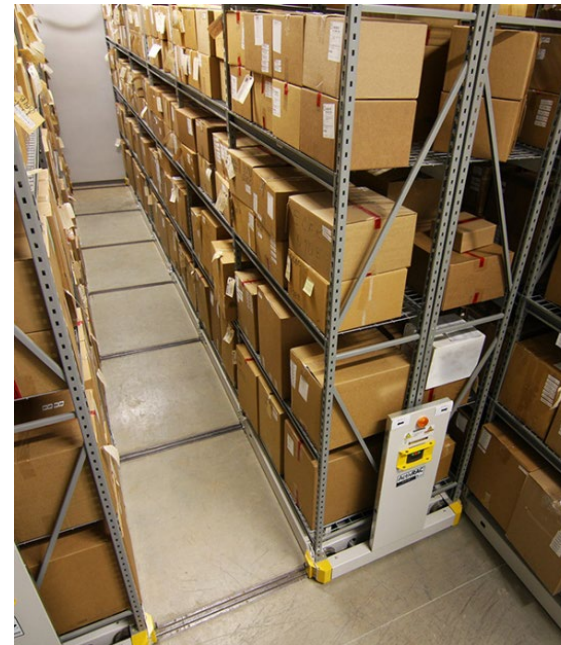
Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)

DNA & Case Management



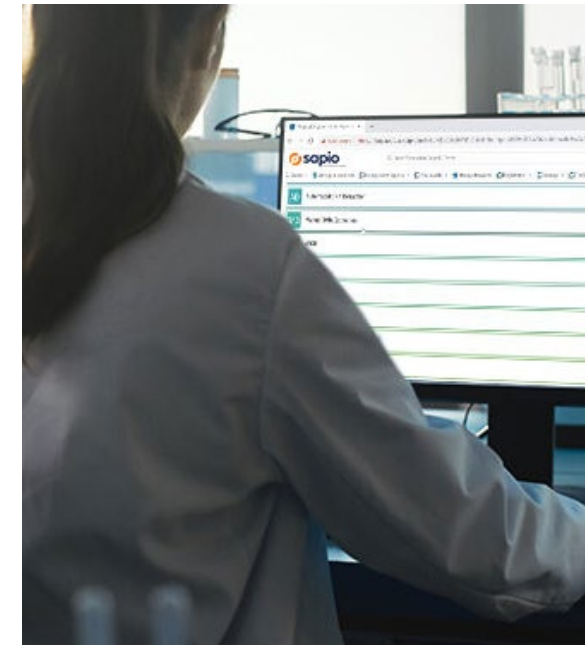
DNA Analysis
DNA Outsourcing
Lifecycle Case Management
Discovery

Evidence Control



Storage & maintenance
Chain of custody
Transport
Disposal

Quality Assurance



Accreditation & Licensing
Competency & Proficiency
Equipment/Method Validation
Corrective/Preventive Actions

Austin Forensic Science Quality Assurance



- ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) to ISO 17025:2017 and Accreditation Requirements 3125
- Texas Forensic Science Commission Accreditation; Title 37, Texas Admin. Code, Chapter 651
- Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) Early Implementer of OSAC Registry Standards
 - 152 published and 73 proposed Registry Standards
- Ideagen™ Quality Management System



- Processed all sexual assault kits received in 2024 with average turn-around-time of 51 days, preventing a backlog for six consecutive years
- Investigated 2.2K Major Crime Scenes
- Delivered 7.5K forensic reports and processed 25K items of evidence
- Disposed of 140K eligible items, including 9.2K seized drugs and 1.3K firearms



Questions & Thank you