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To: [Nowlin, Rylene](#)
Subject: RE: Sheath
Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:37:47 PM

Rylene,

Thank you, that's what I thought. I think we're ready for the sheath to be sent back up to MPD. Our D2 evidence tech, Carol, is headed to campus for a class for the next two days. She's bringing down the chain of custody label and can bring back any items for MPD on Friday.

Thank you,

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Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:01 AM

To: Talbott, Jeffory

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Detective Talbott,

DNA processing and latent print processing are destructive of each other. In other words when an area on an item is swabbed for DNA that process destroys any prints that may be present. When an item is chemically processed for latent prints that washes away any DNA that may be present. When an agency requests both processes on an item we first look at the item to determine if there are locations that could be sampled for both. If not we ask the agency to make a decision on which they would like done/which would be most beneficial to their case DNA or latents. On an item like the knife sheath where both processes could be performed and were both requested by the submitting agency a latent print analyst and DNA analyst examine the item together. Based on our scientific knowledge, analytical methods, experience processing and the properties of the item itself our scientists determine which areas are most likely to yield a DNA profile and which are better suited to yielding a latent print. The areas for DNA are swabbed first and then the item undergoes latent print processing.

Specific to the knife sheath in the Moscow PD case. I was able to speak with the latent print scientist who was present when the biology scientist swabbed the strap. My interpretation of her notes was correct in that she swabbed the entire leather portion of the strap to include the top smooth side and the rough underside of both sections. She also swabbed the entire socket portion of the snap and the underside of the cap portion of the snap. The only portion of the strap that was not swabbed was the top portion of the cap of the snap as it was determined that was the piece of the knife sheath most likely to yield a latent print. Once swabbing was completed, to include the strap and the other areas sampled, the knife was processed for latent prints. As mentioned earlier that

would remove any DNA that may have been present on the top portion of the cap of the snap.

Thank you,

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So, would anything be left on the buttons themselves or was anything potentially there gone due to the other processing?

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The analyst that swabbed the item is out on vacation this week. I looked at her notes and photo and it appears to me she swabbed the entire strap, inside and outside, excluding the metal button which was reserved for latents. I talked to the person who did the technical review and that is her recollection as well.

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