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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTER-OFFICE MEMO**

DATE: November 27, 2002

TO: Manager Timothy Whitfield, Forensic Science Commander VIA COC
Forward to Sheriff Rice

FROM: Forensic Science Specialist Sandee Jacobs 54179J

SUBJECT: Custodial Care of Agency Equipment

During the early part of September 2001, I held the position of Lab Analyst, who is responsible for in-house processing of evidence for our agency, contract agencies and mutual aid incidents.

During that time, per Supervisor request, I maintained custody of agency equipment by demonstrating and assisting Tarpon Springs Police Department with the use of an Alternate Light Source.

Assistance was provided to Technician Max Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez presented one shirt for examination for blood and Gun Shot Residue (GSR), reference a shooting incident/possible suicide handled by their agency (TS01-2513).

In my presence, Mr. Sanchez did a visual examination, followed with a light energy scan of the shirt. To the best of my recollection, negative results for the questioned evidentiary items were obtained. To the best of my knowledge, unless a suspect stain was detected during the visual examination, no presumptive testing (Phenolphthalein) for the possible presence of blood would have been done. At no time, in my presence or with my knowledge was Luminol used for blood detection on the shirt.

Mr. Sanchez remained in control and custody of the shirt and left TSB with the same in his possession.

No written documentation was done on my part because it was a custodial situation, with all testing done in my presence by the assisted party.