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<p>TO: Commander Kevin Metcalf Bureau of Investigation</p>	<p>SUBJECT: Donation from DNA Labs International</p>
<p>FROM: Lieutenant Brian Peterson Bureau of Investigation / Personal Crimes Section</p>	

Commander,

DNA Labs International, which is a leading private DNA lab has awarded (2) two free case reviews to the Lexington Police Department through a donation of services. This offer covers the entire cost of testing evidentiary items related to 2 cases. This incredible offer is a tremendous opportunity for our department to submit evidence for DNA testing to a private lab at no cost aside from shipping.

Currently, our state lab has extremely long turnaround times, with DNA evidence taking anywhere from 1 to 3 years, sometimes longer, before results are returned to us. The state lab also is limited in DNA advance technology, which is available through DLI. Delays in evidence processing and limitation in DNA technology hinders our investigations, particularly our homicides and violent assaults. Prompt and efficient processing of DNA evidence can at times provide additional leads for detectives to follow up on early in the investigation, rather than having to wait years. DLI is able to provide results within 4 to 6 weeks. By capitalizing on this generous offer, we hope to receive testing results within a fraction of the time it would take for our state lab to process this evidence, which will potentially provide justice and closure to a victim's family.

We have identified two Personal Crimes cases we would like to submit for this offer. As part of the free case reviews, detectives conducted Zoom meetings with DLI experts, who assisted in prioritizing which items should be tested based upon the likelihood of them having DNA evidence. The total estimated value of services provided as part of the donation of two free case reviews is \$17,195. We have consulted with the Commonwealth Attorney's office and they support this forensic testing with DLI processing the evidence in these cases.

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