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TruNarc Narcotics Tester

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this training bulletin is to educate SBPD department personnel regarding the new procedure for the presumptive testing of narcotics with the TruNarc tester and its corresponding policy, SBPD Policy 802.3.2.

SBPD Department Policy 802.3.2 NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

All narcotics and dangerous drugs shall be booked using an automated Property/Evidence Report Form. Paraphernalia as defined by Health & Safety Code § 11364 shall also be booked.

OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

• Reporting/Booking Suspected Narcotics

Officers should indicate in their arrest report the weight of the suspected narcotics with packaging and what based on their training and experience leads them to believe the items they seized are narcotics to include; suspect's statement about the substance, packaging and texture. Officers shall maintain the chain of custody and book the suspected narcotics into the SBPD Property Room.

• Prior to Court

Upon receiving a subpoena prior to court appearances, the testifying officers shall contact the Property Room Technician to confirm the results of the Presumptive Narcotics Report for California Proposition 115 purposes. This process will meet the requirement for the District Attorney's Office to get through a preliminary hearing at court.

PROPERTY ROOM TECHNICIAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

• Booking/Processing Requests

Technicians shall book all suspected narcotics in accordance with SBPD policy. Upon receiving a Request for Further Investigation, (RFI) from the District Attorney's Office, Technicians will conduct a presumptive TruNarc test on the suspected substance. Technicians will take the TruNarc Scan Report/Presumptive Narcotics report and have Records scan the results of the report into Versadex to be attached to the original arrest report.

See below an example of a TruNarc Scan report.

