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Dear Valued Customer,

We were recently notified by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) that the grant ***Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing*** would not be offered in 2017 for fiscal year 2018. The UNT Center for Human Identification (UNTCHI) has been a recipient of this award since 2004 and because of this funding has been able to process thousands of cases for agencies across the United States. Unfortunately without these funds from NIJ, UNTCHI will not be able to offer DNA testing and anthropology services to agencies outside the state of Texas.

We currently are processing all samples in our custody with funding from our current NIJ award; however, due to the limited amount of remaining funds, effective **February 26, 2017** UNTCHI no longer will be able to accept new submissions. Agencies will be contacted regarding return of submissions received postmarked on or after the date of this letter.

We sincerely regret this inconvenience and are working with NIJ and other avenues towards a resolution. If funding becomes available we will notify your agency immediately that we are resuming services at no cost. If interested, we will be developing a fee-for-service strategy to continue to provide DNA testing and anthropology services to your agency.

Please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory at **1-800-763-3147** if you would like additional information. We hope to resolve the funding issue and to work with you in the future. Thank you for your support these past years.

Best Regards,

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