

#### **Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services Division**

### **Nashville Crime Lab**

#### **Knoxville Crime Lab**



#### **Jackson Crime Lab**



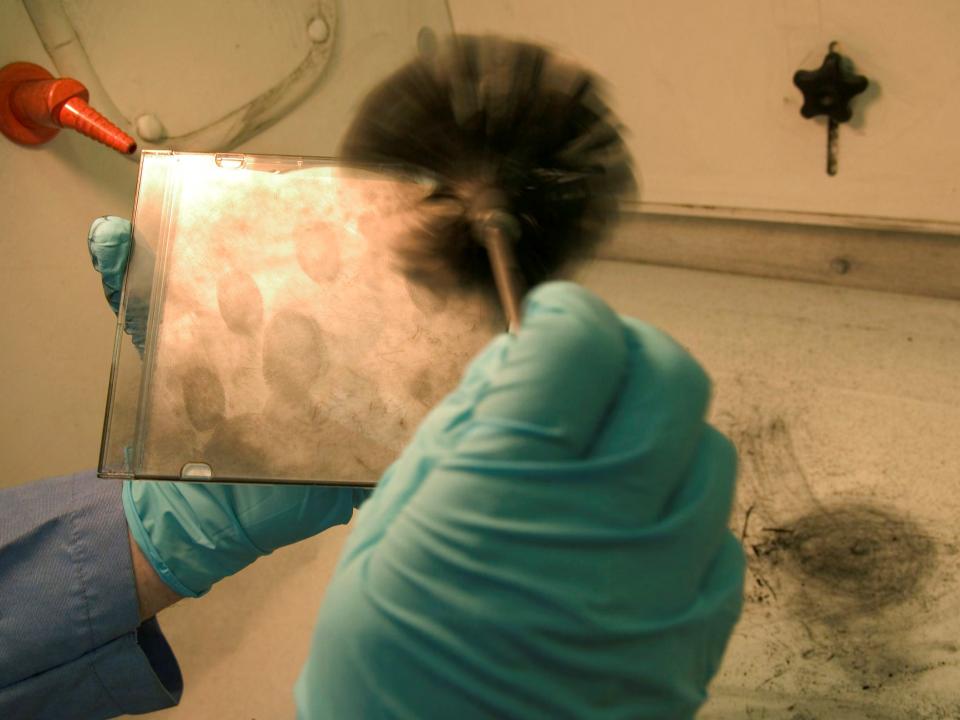
**Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab – Testing Units** 

**Latent Prints Firearms Identification Microanalysis / Trace Toxicology Forensic Chemistry / Drugs Forensic Biology (DNA) Crime Scene Investigation Breath Alcohol Calibration** 



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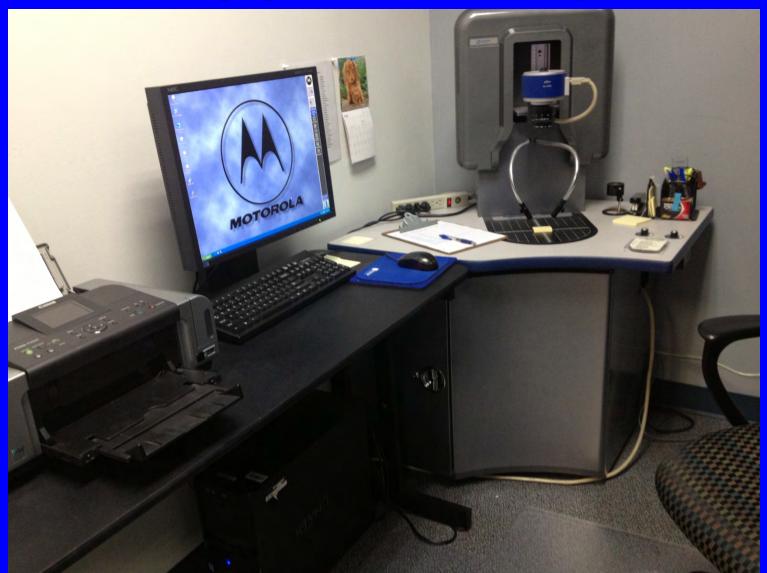
Latent Print Identification Unit



## Comparison



#### Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)



Latent Print **September Turnaround Nashville Lab** Violent: 15.9 Weeks Nonviolent: 12.3 Weeks

Latent Print only at Nashville Crime Lab

Latent Print Topics of Interest

- AFIS Automated Fingerprint Identification System
- AFIS Workflow Forward and Reverse



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**Firearms Identification Unit** 











Firearms Analysis September Turnaround

Nashville Lab: 44.9 weeks Jackson Lab: 16.5 weeks No Firearms Analysis at Knoxville Lab **Firearms Analysis Topics of Interest** 

- Training New Scientists
   7 Trained Scientists
  - **5 more Scientists in Training**
- NIBIN National Integrated Ballistic Information Network
- Officer Involved Shootings / Rush Cases



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Microanalysis/Trace Evidence

## **Fire Debris Evidence**

- Use only Air-tight containers i.e. unused metal paint cans or mason jars
- Analyze for ignitable liquid residues left from gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, etc.





#### **Gunshot Primer Residue Analysis**

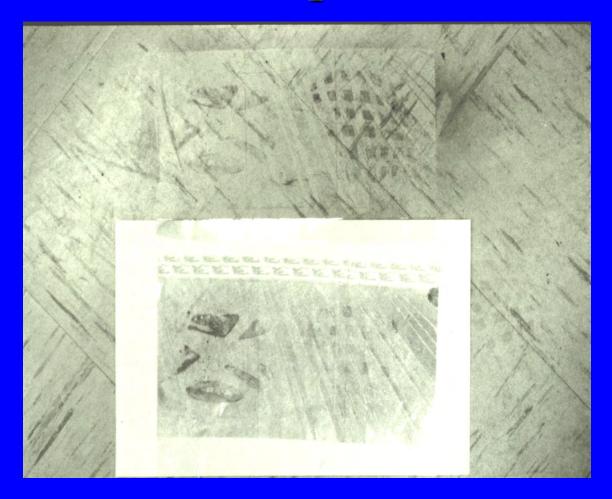
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#### DENTAL STONE CASTS IN MUD, DIRT, SNOW, ETC



# **Shoe Impressions**





### **Paint Evidence**

• Paint is common evidence in burglary and hit-&-run crimes





• Paint is analyzed for it's color, texture, binder composition, and pigment composition

#### Glass Evidence

- Analysis types

   Comparison
  - Fracture Analysis
    - Fracture Match
    - Direction of Force
    - Order of Breakage



Microanalysis September Turnaround

**Nashville Lab** 

Microanalysis: 28.8 weeks Arson: 7.6 weeks Gunshot Residue: 18.9 weeks Microanalysis only at Nashville Crime Lab Microanalysis Topics of Interest

- Wide range of complex casework
- Small staff / extensive training



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**Toxicology** 









**Toxicology September Turnaround Nashville Lab** Alcohol: 7.8 weeks **Drug Testing: 16.0 weeks Knoxville Lab** Alcohol: 4.6 weeks **Drug Testing: 15.7 weeks Jackson Lab** Alcohol: 21.9 weeks **Drug Testing: 27.2 weeks** 

## **Toxicology Topics of Interest**

- Expanded Testing
  - **Duplicate Blood Alcohol 2010**
  - **Expanded Benzodiazepines 2011**
  - **Expanded THC 2020**
  - Expanded Opiates, Buprenorphine, Fentanyl 2020
- Increased percentage of cases requiring Drug Testing
- Increase in Methamphetamine and Fentanyl
- Blood vs. Breath Alcohol



**Breath Alcohol** 



## **Breath Alcohol Topics of Interest**

 Instruments Calibrated by TBI / Testing Performed by Certified Officers in Field Rapid, Timely, Reliable, Convenient

- One test = two subject samples (blows) Negates confusion about mouth alcohol, reflux, etc.
- No Search Warrant Required
   Supreme Court: Birchfield v. North Dakota



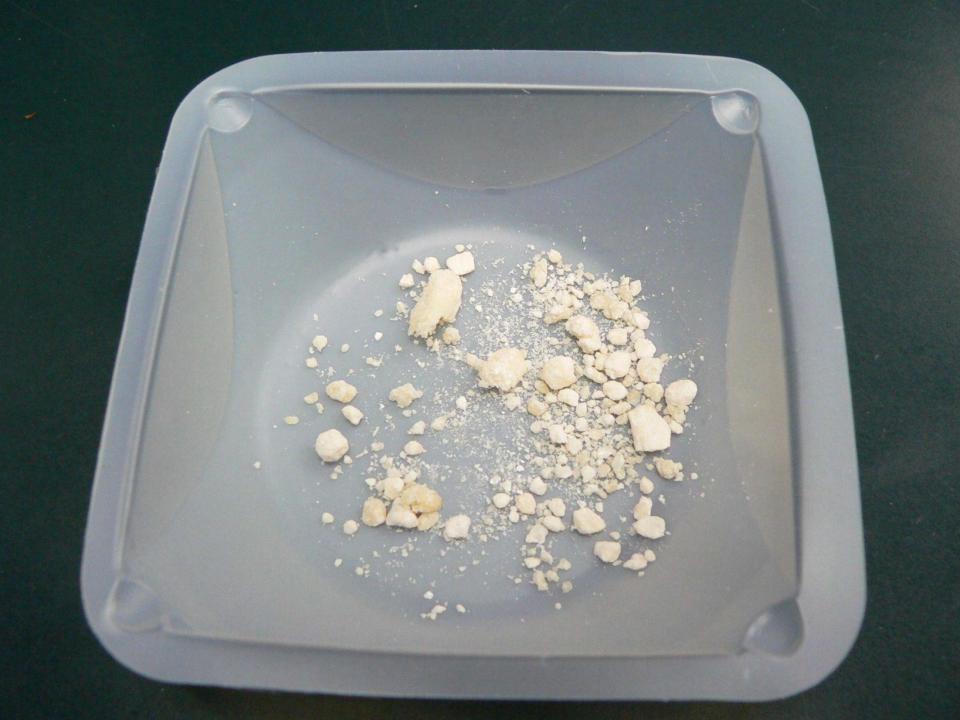
Forensic Chemistry / Drugs

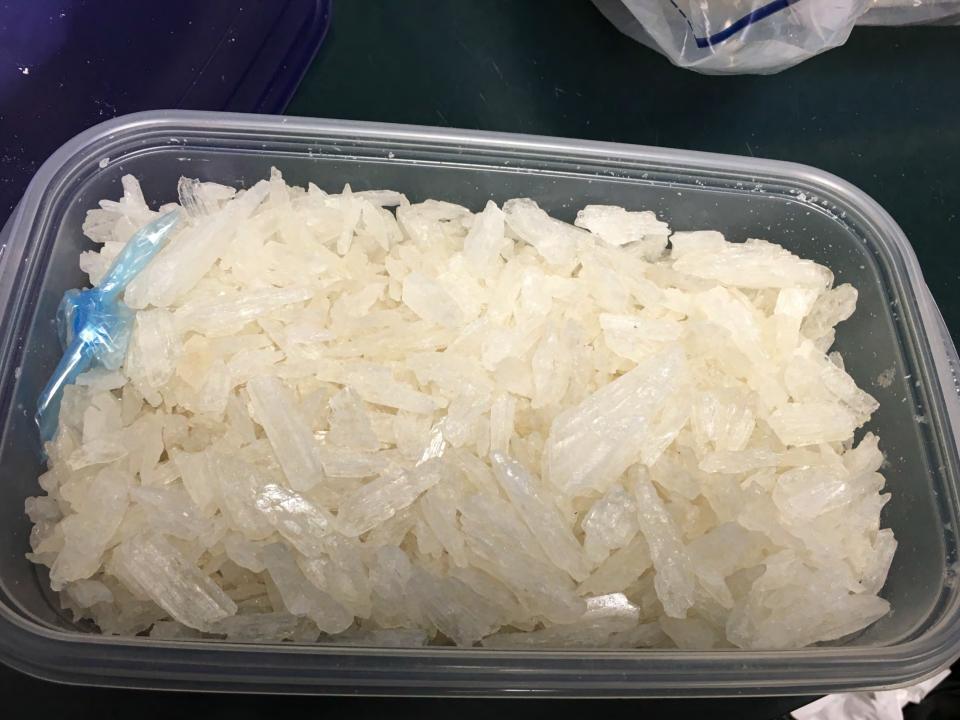














## Counterfeits



San Francisco public health officials released a photo of a fake Xanax pill that looks a lot like the real thing

## Counterfeits





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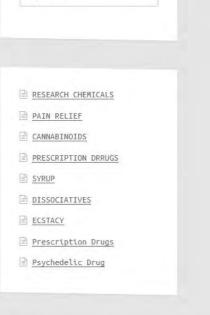
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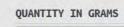
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Forensic Chemistry September Turnaround Nashville Lab: 15.4 weeks Knoxville Lab: 20.9 weeks

Jackson Lab: 17.4 weeks

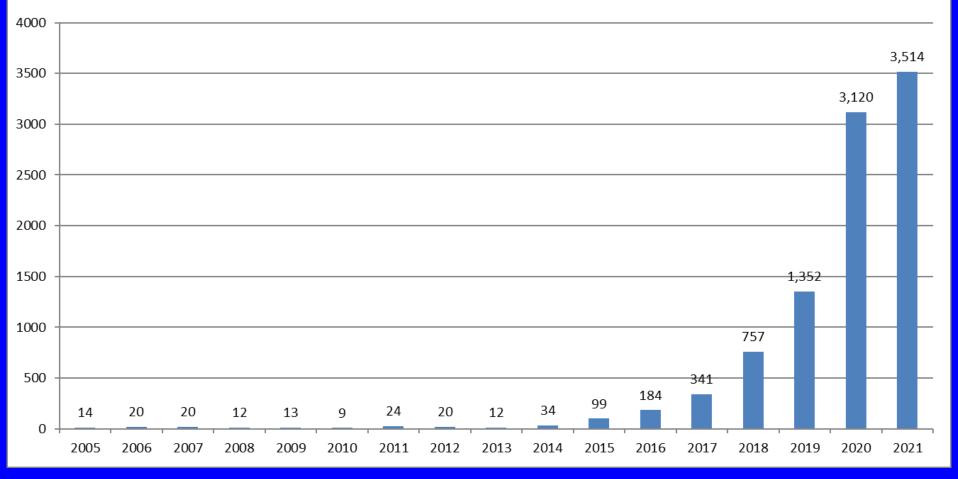
**Forensic Chemistry Topics of Interest** 

- Increase in overall submissions
- Fentanyl, carfentanil, fentanyl analogs
- Methamphetamine
- Heroin
- Counterfeit drug cases
- Marijuana, Hemp, Delta-8 THC

#### **Top 10 Drugs Reported – 2021 Q1 and Q2**

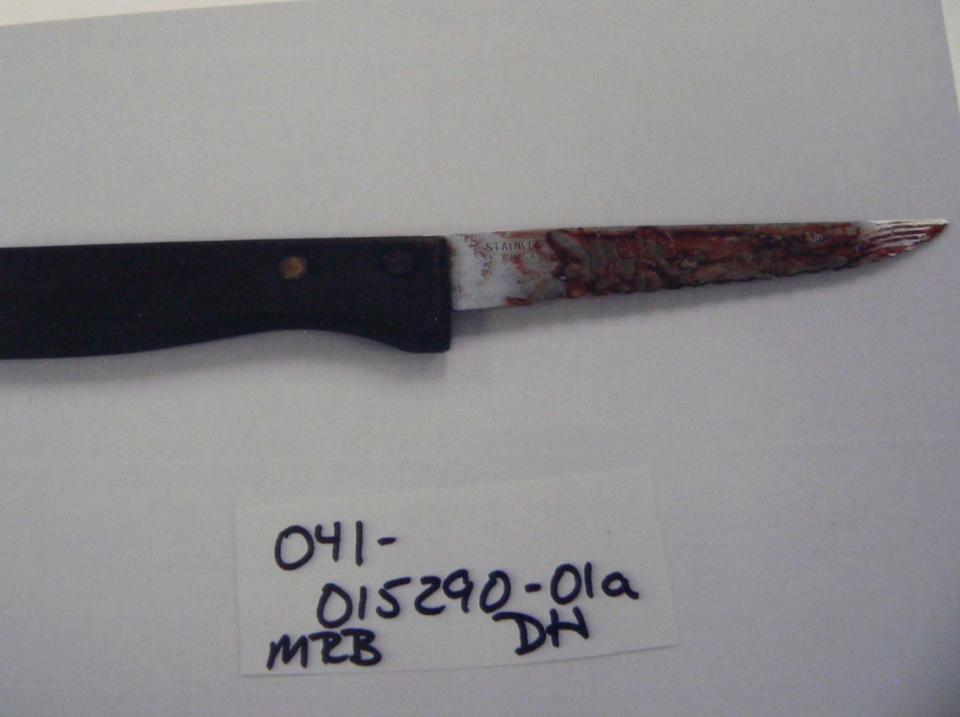
- **1** Methamphetamine
- 2 Cannabis-Marijuana
- **3** Fentanyl
- 4 Heroin
- 5 Cocaine
- 6 **Buprenorphine**
- 7 4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP)
- 8 Alprazolam
- 9 Gabapentin
- 10 Cannabis-Hemp

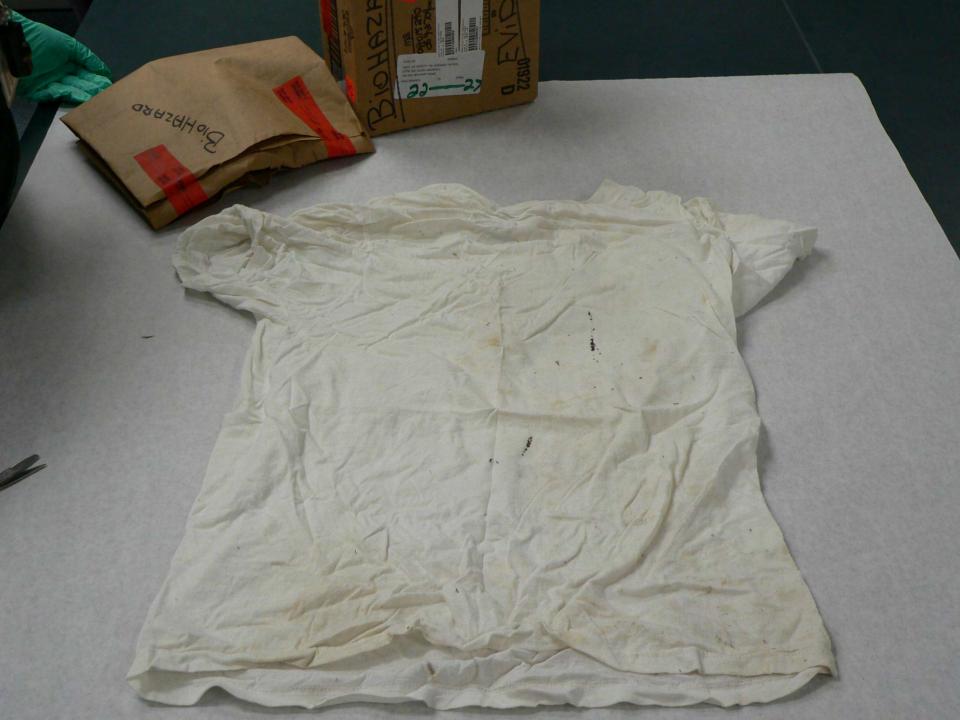
#### Fentanyl





**Forensic Biology** 



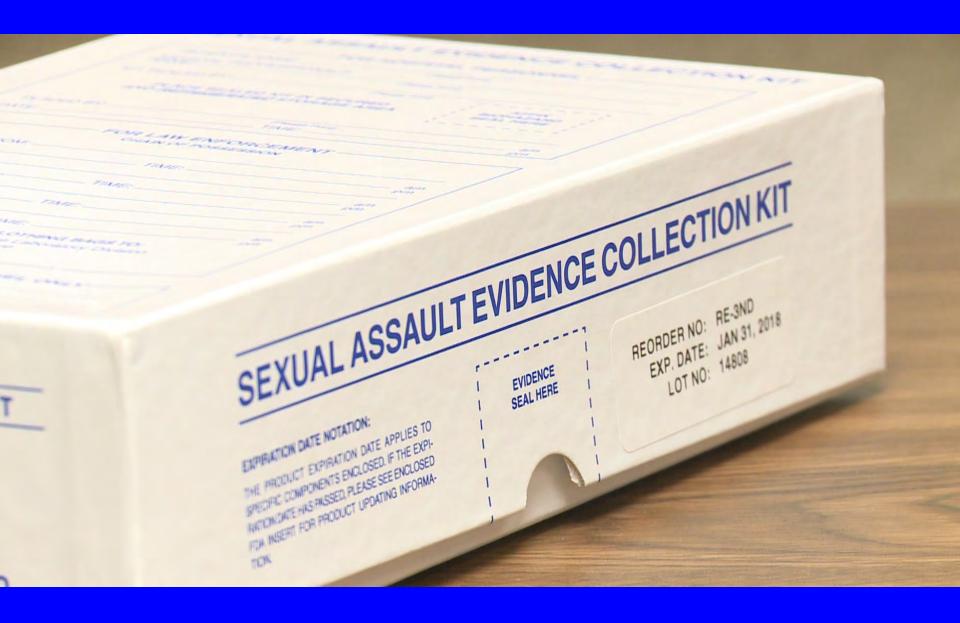




## "Touch" DNA







### Forensic Biology September Turnaround

**Nashville Lab:** 

Violent 15.1, Nonviolent 11.6, Sex Offense 25.1

**Knoxville Lab:** 

Violent 28.5, Nonviolent 27.2, Sex Offense 32.0

**Jackson Lab:** 

Violent 24.7, Nonviolent 29.4, Sex Offense 38.4

**Forensic Biology Topics of Interest** 

- 4 Scientists in Training, 2 Vacant
- Sexual Assault Kits

**Unsubmitted SAK cases / Outsourced testing and review** 

**Mandatory submission law, SAK Tracking** 

Touch DNA

**Touch DNA is evidence of "last resort"** 

- Mixture Interpretation
- Y-STR Testing / Y-Screening







# "Combined DNA Index System" Convicted Offenders Arrestees



## CODIS Topics of Interest Lawfully Owed DNA

- Expungements
- Backlogged / Unsubmitted SAK



Crime Scene





**Crime Scene Topics of Interest** 

- Law Enforcement Use of Force
- Shared Duties / Time away from casework



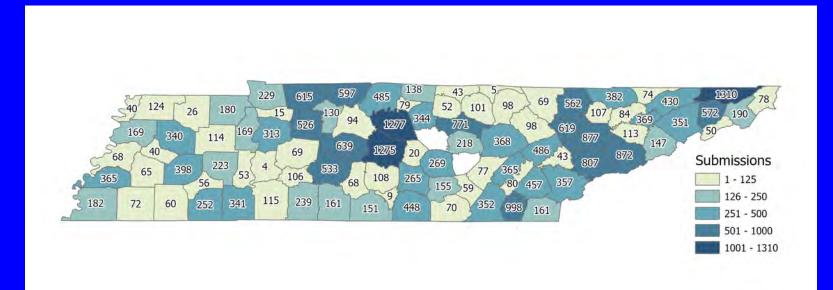
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**Testimony** 



### **2020 Submissions by County**

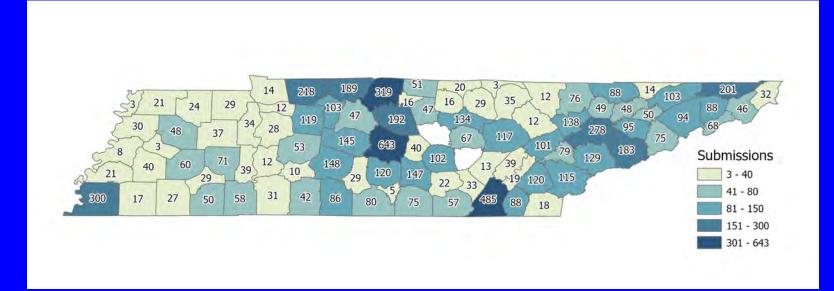
# Forensic Chemistry – Drug Identification



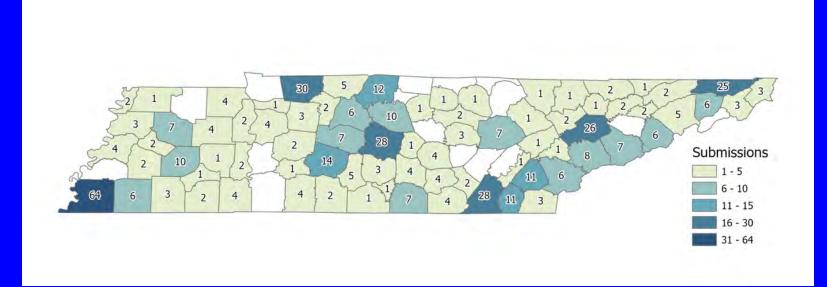
## Toxicology - Alcohol Analysis



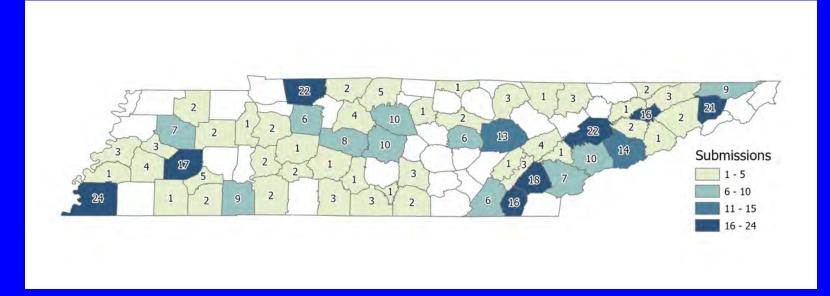
## Toxicology – Drug Screen



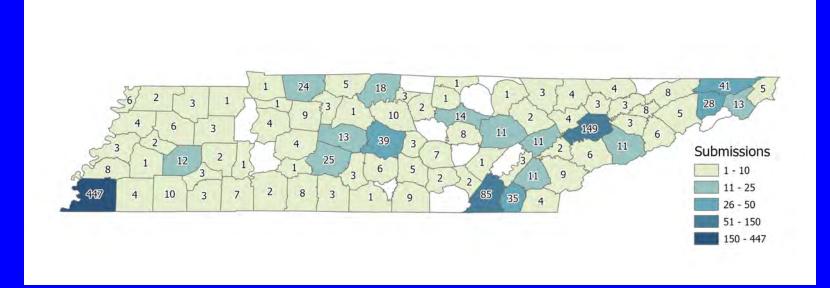
# Forensic Biology - Violent



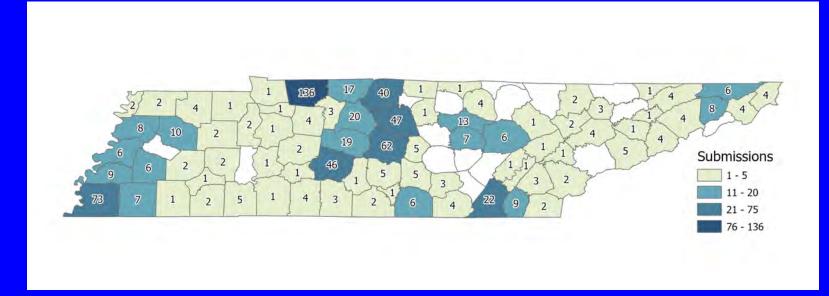
## Forensic Biology – Non Violent



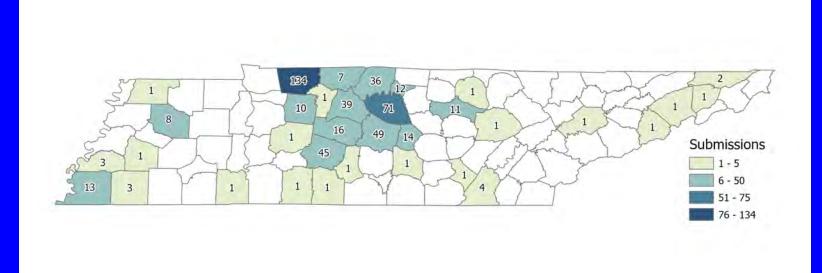
## Forensic Biology – Sex Offense



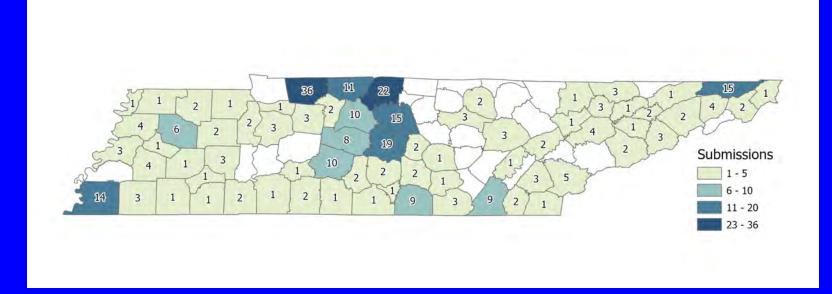
#### **Firearms**



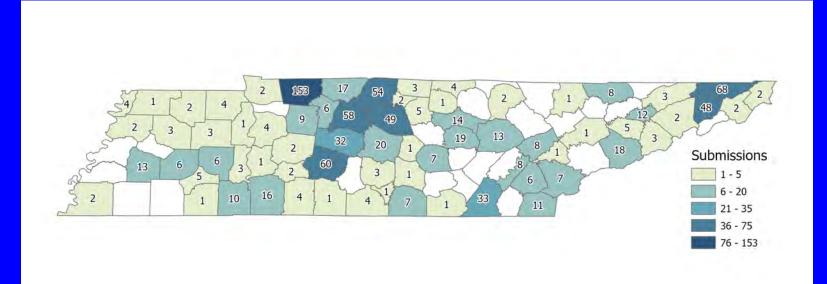
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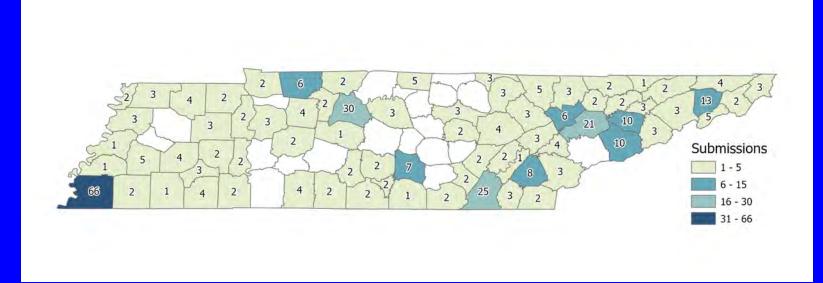
### Latent Print – Violent



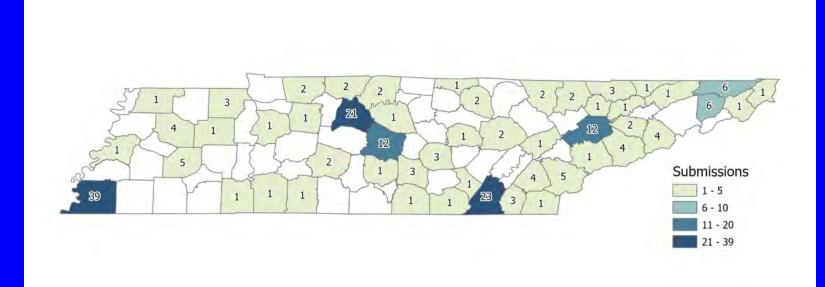
#### Latent Print – Non Violent



#### **Breath Alcohol**



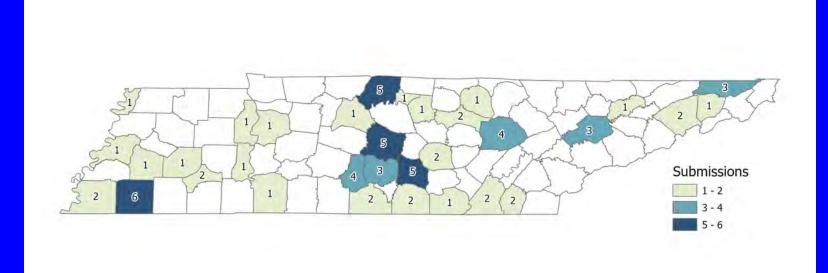
## Microanalysis – Fire Debris



## Microanalysis – Gunshot Residue



# Microanalysis – Other



How do we compare?

### **Project FORESIGHT**

 West Virginia University – College of Business

 Collects and compares data from over 200 forensic laboratories

#### FORESIGHT MAXIMUS AWARD

is hereby presented to

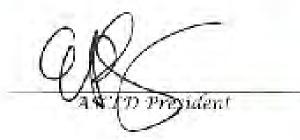
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## Surrounding States

• Surveyed States in the Southeast

• Results . . .

|                | Cases Per        |             |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| <u>State</u>   | <u>Scientist</u> | <u>Rank</u> |
| Kentucky       | 231.8            | 1           |
| Florida        | 242.7            | 2           |
| Indiana        | 282.7            | 3           |
| Virginia       | 290.2            | 4           |
| North Carolina | 311.1            | 5           |
| Georgia        | 395.8            | 6           |
| Tennessee      | 434.7            | 7           |

#### Questions?



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