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FYI

Steve Johnson runs the LAPD Property Division and writes:

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From: STEVEN JOHNSON [mailto:johnsons@lapd.lacity.org]  
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Barry/Greg,

I have read the questions for the upcoming public hearing. I would like to raise the following issue....

Current law requires the storage of biological evidence for the entire duration of the convicted offenders incarceration.... Although there is a means to obtain approvals to destroy the material, they are extremely cumbersome and require approval of numerous entities such as the Public Defender's Office to implement. This means it continues to pile up in law enforcement property rooms with no end in sight.

Unless we want to have freezer trailers lined up from LA to the Arizona border, this situation needs to be remedied. I would suggest that a reasonable time period, such as 5-10 years from the date of conviction be legislatively established to address this problem. This would give adequate time for the defense to request post-conviction DNA testing and still provide some light at the end of the tunnel for those of us in the property arena.

thank,

Steve

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