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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

STATES ATTORNEYS; DEFENDER GENERAL; LAW ENFORECEMENT OFFICERS

FROM:

TRISHA CONTI, LABORATORY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

DMTS OUT OF SERVICE

DATE:

7/27/2018

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at approximately 12pm EST, the Vermont Forensic Laboratory (VFL) pushed out a software update to all DMTs around the State with the exception of those located in Brighton, Canaan, Richford, and Rochester. Due to an incorrect simulator model assignment in the software, there was a disruption in communication between the DMT and the simulator. As a result, the DMTs were inoperable.

The VFL became aware of this issue during the evening hours of July 25<sup>th</sup> and worked with the software manufacturer as expeditiously as possible to correct the issue. An updated software version was sent out the morning of July 26<sup>th</sup> and all DMTs were back online by 12pm EST that day.

Because the DMTs were unable to pass the required internal checks, no subject tests could be performed during this down time.