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The Travis County District Attorney's Office has learned of scientific concerns involving the interpretation of DNA results where multiple contributors might be present, as well as an issue related to the database commonly used to calculate DNA statistics. The potential impact of changes to the mixture protocols and the database is still unknown, but they may have a material impact on some criminal cases. The exact number of Travis County cases that will be reviewed is still unknown, but will probably be in the hundreds.

We are in the process of identifying all Travis County cases where these issues need to be addressed and providing notice to the interested parties. This is expected to be a large undertaking, requiring the addition of attorneys and paralegals to our Conviction Integrity Unit. In the interim, this office will work to facilitate any requests for DNA reviews based on the changes.

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