



Challenging the Use of Inaccurate Street Use Drug Tests

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Project Title

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Scope of Work

This project is ultimately meant to lead to litigation. There are mentors and co counsel available to aid with this project.

Timing

None

Jurisdiction

Las Vegas NV

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Description

The Roadside Drug Test Alliance and the Justice Catalyst Law would like to challenge the use of cheap and often inaccurate street use drug tests, starting in Las Vegas NV. These tests have historically provided the basis for arrest and later convictions. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) currently utilizes commercially prepared chemical color test kits that officers use to presumptively identify cocaine, methamphetamine, and marijuana in the field. Over the past few years, false positive results have been discovered due to subjectivity of color

interpretation and tedious procedures. Recognizing the need to find a more reliable method for presumptive field testing, the LVMPD Forensic Laboratory began investigating the use of Raman spectroscopy.

As an important part of this litigation, there is recently completed research and study regarding these tests completed by the Quattrone Center at the University of Pennsylvania which will provide some of the research to support the underlying litigation.

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