



Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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Dear Kansas Law Enforcement and District Attorneys,

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory is committed to providing expert courtroom testimony in support of forensic science examinations conducted by KBI laboratory personnel. The use of video conferencing for forensic scientists' testimony allows the laboratory to better serve you and your communities.

Video testimony increases scientists' ability to safely deliver testimony, be available on your requested date(s), and spend more time in the laboratory preparing forensic laboratory reports on pending cases. K.S.A. 22-3437 affords you the flexibility to request and utilize interactive video testimony for expert testimony.

In an effort to encourage and aid in the use of video conferencing for expert testimony throughout the state we have created a resource packet for use by our customers. Resources are available on the KBI website at http://www.kansas.gov/kbi/about/about_lab_evidence.shtml#labforms and include the following:

- [K.S.A. 22-3437: Interactive Video Testimony Statute](#)
- [Sample Video Testimony Motion](#)
- [Kansas Supreme Court Blue Ribbon Commission Report](#)

The laboratory understands that courtrooms have a variety of resources and limitations. As such, the KBI has approved a number of platforms for use. Polycom is the preferred platform by KBI IT. When utilizing Polycom, the KBI will generate a meeting invitation and the recipient will need to have a computer, preferably with webcam, and the ability to install software. We realize the courts may also have IT restrictions prohibiting software installation. Therefore, feel free to utilize any of the below platforms.

- Polycom
- Zoom
- WebEx
- GoToMeeting
- GoToWebinar
- Microsoft Teams
- FaceTime (limited)
- BlueJeans

If you would like to make arrangements for video testimony or have questions regarding video platforms or resources, please contact the KBI Forensic Science Laboratory office at (785) 296-1137 or kbi-lab@kbi.ks.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas L.G. Price".

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