Technical Procedure for Approved Software for Forensic Computer Examinations

1.0 Purpose – This list contains the software currently approved for use in computer forensic examinations by State Crime Laboratory personnel. Specific versions of the software used shall be recorded within the Forensic Advantage worksheet by the examiner.

2.0 Scope – This list is to be used by personnel of the State Crime Laboratory as a guide in determining which pieces of software have been validated for use in casework and generating case results.

3.0 Definitions – N/A

4.0 Equipment, Materials and Reagents – N/A

5.0 Procedure

5.1 Hard Drive Imaging

- EnCase
- SnapBack
- Forensic Tool Kit
- DD/DCFLDD/SDD
- DEFT 8

5.2 Anti-Virus Software

- Trend Micro OfficeScan
- Symantec Norton Anti-Virus

5.3 Deleted File Recovery

- EnCase
- Norton Unerase
- Forensic Took Kit

5.4 Slack and Unallocated Space Recovery

- EnCase
- Norton DiskEdit
- Forensic Tool Kit

5.5 Password Recovery

- Ultimate Took Kit

5.6 Optical Media Processing

- CD/DVD Inspector

5.7 System Image Creation/Restoration

- Symantec/Norton Ghost
- Image for Windows

5.8 Data Carving

- EnCase
- Forensic Tool Kit
- DataLifter

5.9 Text String Searches

- EnCase
- Windows ‘Find’ Function
- Forensic Tool Kit

5.10 Text Viewers

- EnCase
- Quick View Plus
- Microsoft Word
- Wordpad
- Notepad
- Outlook Express
- Adobe Acrobat
- AOL
- Forensic Tool Kit

5.11 Graphics Viewers

- EnCase
- Thumbs Plus
- Quick View Plus
- Outlook Express
- AOL
- Irfanview
- Xnview
- Forensic Tool Kit

5.12 Movie Viewers

- Windows Media Player
- VLC
- Quicktime

5.13 Internet/IM History Analysis

- EnCase
- NetAnalysis

- Neda-Nama Yahoo Messenger Archive Decoder

5.14 Data Wiping Utilities

- EnCase
- GDisk (Hard Drives only)

5.15 Taser Data Recovery

- **SYNC**
- **Dataport**

6.0 Limitations – N/A

7.0 Safety – N/A

8.0 References – N/A

9.0 Records – N/A

10.0 Attachments – N/A

Revision History		
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