

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF RAND HENDERSON

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### MCTXSheriff Crime Lab Receives Prestigious Accreditation

On Tuesday April 9, 2019 the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab was commended by the Commissioner's Court for their accreditation by the American National Standards Institute - National Accreditation Board (ANAB). The unit was challenged with the preparation of accreditation assessment, and the on-site inspection of the Crime Lab and their procedures. ANAB deployed two assessors to the Crime Lab to conduct their extensive inspection. This was a combined surveillance assessment in Firearms, and a scope extension in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis. On March 4, 2019, the ISO/IEC 17020 surveillance assessment and scope extension of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab was successfully completed, and accreditation was given by the ANAB. John Yoshida, the Lead ANAB Assessor, commented in the closing meeting, that this was truly a "team effort" and the entire staff should be commended

Concurrently with this accreditation assessment, Crime Lab personnel were also challenged with four complex trials that required many hours of preparation, and court room testimony which greatly assisted in the successful prosecution of each case. All four trials hinged on Forensic Testimony provided by the Crime Lab staff, which allowed the jurors to make their decision.

In a resolution read during Tuesday's Commissioner's Court proceedings, Sheriff Rand Henderson respectfully asked the Commissioner's Court to congratulate and commend the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab for their accomplishments, dedication to excellence, and service to our community. The resolution was unanimously passed by the Commissioner's Court. County Judge Mark Keough personally congratulated Crime Lab personnel, and thanked them for "Such a great job."

Sheriff Henderson said "I am so very proud of the hard work and dedication of the employees of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab. This recognition is a true testament to your professionalism and commitment to your trade. You make us all proud!"

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