

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
Change in Instrument Status Form

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Date: 8/5/2025

Instrument #: 100402

Instrument Location: AST/Tok

Supervisor Name and Agency: Ofc. Hessler of DPS TOK

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

N/A

If instrument was placed in service or removed from service, fill out the appropriate sections below.

In Service Date/Time: N/A

Out of Service Date/Time: N/A

For Use by SCDL

Additional Notes

Please see attached emails regarding notification of repeated breath tests on same individual.
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Email completed form to dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov.

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Approved by: Chemistry Supervisor

From: [Swisher, Kaija L \(DPS\)](#)
To: [Hessler, Silas O \(DPS\)](#)
Subject: DPS TOK / Breath Testing
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 11:16:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Ofc Hessler,

I am writing to inform you about an issue concerning the Datamaster testing conducted at the Tok AST location.

After conducting my monthly review of breath tests I noticed that an officer in your department administered numerous tests on the same individual, please see below.

	Serial Number	Test Date	Location	SubjectFirstName	SubjectAlcohol_1	Status
▶	100402	7/13/2025 12:25...	AST Tok	JESSE		
	100402	7/13/2025 12:31...	AST Tok	JESSE		RFI
	100402	7/13/2025 12:35...	AST Tok	JESSE		RFI
	100402	7/13/2025 12:39...	AST Tok	JESSE		RFI
	100402	7/13/2025 12:41...	AST Tok	JESSE		
	100402	7/13/2025 1:00 ...	AST Tok	JESSE		RFI
	100402	7/13/2025 1:01 ...	AST Tok	JESSE		Maximum Attempts Exceeded
	100402	7/13/2025 1:09 ...	AST Tok	JESSE		Internal Standard Error
	100402	7/13/2025 1:11 ...	AST Tok	JESSE	0.18600000	

This repeated testing on a single individual may present challenges when explaining the results in court. To mitigate potential issues, I recommend that after the third attempt, a blood test should be conducted to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the results.

Please include this recommendation to your department for future reference.

Thank you!

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