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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**A2LA Accredits First Forensic Blood Alcohol Testing Laboratory**

**January 6, 2014, Frederick, MD** - The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) is proud to announce the accreditation of its first Texas-based blood alcohol testing laboratory to ISO/IEC 17025 as part of the A2LA Forensic Accreditation Program.

In November 2013, A2LA was approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety and Corrections as a 'Recognized Accreditation Body' for the accreditation of laboratories performing forensic analysis of physical evidence for use in a criminal proceeding (Texas Administrative Code Title 37, Part 1, Chapter 28, Subchapter 1 Accreditation).

By obtaining accreditation with A2LA, Fondren Forensics Inc. may now pursue accreditation from the Texas Department which will allow accredited testing performed by the laboratory to be admissible in criminal proceedings.

Fondren Forensics Inc. ([www.fondrenforensics.com](http://www.fondrenforensics.com)) is located in Bedford, Texas and received its initial accreditation on December 30, 2013 after a thorough review of their quality management system, staff and testing activities. When asked about the experience, laboratory director, Lisa Fondren, commented that "The accreditation process with A2LA has been a wonderful experience. They are personable and responsive in all dealings. The professionalism I have received from their staff, trainers and assessors is truly beyond the ordinary. I highly recommend this organization."

A2LA accreditation programs are internationally-recognized and have also received federal and state recognitions as described on the A2LA website ([http://www.a2la.org/recognition/dom\\_recog.cfm](http://www.a2la.org/recognition/dom_recog.cfm)). For additional information regarding the A2LA forensic accreditation program, please see the A2LA forensic program webpage (<http://www.a2la.org/appsweb/forensics.cfm>) or contact Karin Athanas at 301 644 3236 or [kathanas@A2LA.org](mailto:kathanas@A2LA.org).

**ABOUT A2LA:**

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