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## **EMERSON JOINS GOVERNOR EVERS AND ATTORNEY GENERAL KAUL ON TOUR OF STATE CRIME LAB**

MADISON –Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire) joined Governor Tony Evers, Attorney General Josh Kaul and other state and local officials Monday at a tour of the State Crime Lab in Wausau. The crime labs provide the following services: crime scene response, toxicology, drug identification, DNA analysis, trace evidence analysis, firearms and toolmarks analysis, fingerprint and footwear analysis, photo work, and forensic imaging.

The lab is staffed by approximately 160 managers, forensic scientists, and technicians. In addition to the Wausau location, State Crime Labs are located in Madison and Milwaukee.

Emerson supports the addition of 17 additional members to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab as called for in Gov. Tony Evers' proposed 2019-21 state budget.

*“As we have seen over the past few years, justice for Wisconsinites can be delayed by having untested evidence. Gov, Evers’ budget looks to prevent a backlog of evidence in the future by making sure our crime labs have the resources they need to do the important job we count on them to do on a daily basis.”*

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