



## NORTH CAROLINA STATE CRIME LABORATORY UPDATE

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## Remote Testimony Retrospective

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1225.3 (b1) –  
Remote Testimony in Real Time Authorized in  
District Court

- Went into effect on January 1, 2022.

25 Counties have reached out in that time to  
test.

7 counties have done remote testimony.

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## County 1

In FY 21/22 we had 27 court appearances with  
only 5 instances of testimony (18%)

- At cost of 45 hours of travel time plus 66 hours of  
wait time.

FY 22/23 – with remote testimony

- 5 in person appearances with 2 incidents of  
testimony (40%)
- 9 virtual appearances with 7 incidents of  
testimony.

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## County 1 con't

- 80% increase in times testified.
- 98 hour decrease in travel and wait time.
- 40% increase in time testifying

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## County 2

In FY 21/22 we had 7 court appearances with only 3 instances of testimony (43%) and 4 remote appearances with 4 instances of testimony (100%)

- At cost of 20 hours of travel time plus 13 hours of wait time.

FY 22/23 – with remote testimony

- 10 in person appearances with 6 incidents of testimony (60%)
- 12 virtual appearances with 7 incidents of testimony.

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## County 2 con't

- 86% increase in times testified.
- 1 hour decrease in travel and wait time.
- 40% increase in time testifying

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