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Results of Tests on Powder Found at Fort McPherson, Georgia

As reported via the Health Alert Network earlier today, on February 22, 2002, at 5:30 PM EST, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was notified of a possible anthrax incident at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Law enforcement transported the sample to CDC's laboratory facilities in Atlanta for further testing.

Updated CDC laboratory results are as follows:

- PCR: Negative
- Culture: No growth of any organism after 24 hours

Culture will be signed out to the State and Federal agencies as **negative** for *Bacillus anthracis*.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.

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