

1 A Six years.

2 Q In the six years that you've worked at the drug lab,
3 have you had occasion to be called upon to analyze
4 suspected narcotics?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And in your six years, approximately how many times
7 have you ventured to identify whether an object or an item
8 is a narcotic or not?

9 A Tens of thousands.

10 Q Is there a procedure that's followed at the drug lab
11 when you begin to analyze or determine whether or not a
12 substance is a controlled substance?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And can you briefly explain that to the jury?

15 A Once you obtain the substance from -- well, in this
16 case, it was three lab numbers. Once you obtain those, it
17 comes in. You log them out of the evidence office. You
18 bring them into your locker where they're kept. You're
19 the only person that has keys to those lockers. The
20 samples are then obtained a gross weight, making sure
21 everything is okay compared to what the control card says.
22 Then we open the sample up once everything's okay. The
23 sample is cut in the opposite end of the evidence bag. In
24 this situation there was three lab numbers. First lab
25 number had a variety of substance. The second lab number

1 had one PB, and the third lab number had one PB.

2 Q PB. What's a PB?

3 A Plastic bag.

4 Q Okay. Let's just go step by step about just the
5 general protocol, and then I'll ask you specifically about
6 this case.

7 A Okay.

8 Q So when you get the items out of the secured lockup,
9 you said you do a gross weight to compare what you have to
10 what was turned in?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And if those are the same or within whatever error of
13 degree that is permitted, you said you open the bag?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And when you open the bag, what's the first thing you
16 do?

17 A We look at them, we count them. If it's a multiple
18 number of samples, we count them, make sure the count is
19 okay. Once we do that, we look at them, identify them by
20 size and by appearance. The color, the texture of the
21 substance. Once that's done, we obtain a gross weight of
22 all of the plastic bags.

23 Q So for instance, if you were to have five -- if you
24 were to have one bag that contained five smaller bags with
25 a powder you wanted to analyze, how do you go about