



# Texas Forensic Science Commission

*Justice Through Science*

September 19, 2011

*Via Email and Regular U.S. Mail*

The Innocence Project of Texas  
Mr. Jeff Blackburn  
1511 Texas Avenue  
Lubbock, Texas 70401

RE: Texas Forensic Science Commission Complaint #10-27

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

The Texas Forensic Science Commission ("TFSC") has reviewed your complaint related to the criminal case of Sonia Cacy, and at its September 8, 2011 meeting, voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint based upon jurisdictional limitations. Attached to this letter is the Opinion of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott regarding the scope of the TFSC's jurisdiction. The provisions of the Opinion applicable to your complaint are as follows:

1. Effective Date: The forensic analysis in question (GC/MS testing) occurred in 1991, *before* the effective date of the Act that created the TFSC.
2. Accreditation: The Bexar County lab that conducted the GC/MS testing was not accredited by DPS at the time the forensic analysis was conducted.

The TFSC would like to emphasize that the dismissal was not based on the scientific merit of the complaint. The complaint highlighted a number of areas of concern worthy of investigation. If the agency's jurisdiction changes, we may contact you again regarding the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leigh M. Tomlin".

Leigh M. Tomlin

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