



Texas Forensic Science Commission

Justice Through Science

November 6, 2013

Ms. Patricia Neria Eldridge
17671 Addison Road, Apt. 2604
Dallas, Texas 75287

RE: FSC Complaint #13-10

Dear Ms. Eldridge:

The Commission voted at its November 1, 2013 meeting not to conduct a further investigation of your husband's case. However, his case will be added to the group of cases reviewed as part of the larger statewide microscopic hair analysis review. This initiative is in its infancy and will take many months to complete. Please understand that the review is designed to improve the overall integrity and reliability of forensic science in Texas, and will not address any specific legal issues in your husband's case or file any court pleadings on your husband's behalf. We understand your husband had contacted the Innocence Clinic at UT for representation. They would be the best resource for handling any such efforts.

As a courtesy, we contacted the director of the Innocence Clinic, and they were already familiar with your husband's case. Our understanding is they will follow-up to determine whether any evidence remains to re-test and prepare the necessary legal pleadings for re-testing if appropriate. The Director of the Innocence Clinic has a list of evidentiary items from your husband's case with their storage location which was obtained from the SWIFS lab in Dallas, so you may wish to contact her to determine what the status is and how they plan to proceed.

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The Commission does not intervene in legal proceedings and has no ability or authority to determine guilt or innocence in any criminal case. Therefore, we recommend you contact the attorneys at the Clinic for specific information regarding possible next steps in your husband's case.

If you have any questions for us, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Heidenreich', written over a horizontal line.

Leigh M. Heidenreich
Commission Coordinator

cc: Commission Members
FSC General Counsel