



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

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November 17, 2015

*Via First Class Mail*

Ms. Stephanie Bekendam  
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Hobby Unit  
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RE: Texas Forensic Science Commission (the "Commission")  
File #1107.15.15

Dear Ms. Bekendam:

At its August 14, 2015 meeting, the Commission voted to dismiss your complaint because scientific literature supports degradation of benzoylecognine under the conditions stated in the complaint. One would therefore expect to find a discrepancy between the original results obtained by DPS and subsequent NMS results due to the passage of time under the storage conditions indicated.

In light of the scientific literature on this issue the Commission fails to see an allegation of negligence or misconduct meriting further review.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathryn Adams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn Adams  
Paralegal

Encl.