



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

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Via First Class Mail

Mr. Mario L. Cockerham
TDCJ #1564174
59 Darrington Road
Rosharon, Texas 77583

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission File No. 15.16

Dear Mr. Cockerham:

At its February 12, 2016 meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to dismiss your complaint, because the portion of an autopsy conducted by a medical examiner or other forensic pathologist is expressly excluded from the Commission's jurisdiction by statute, and because the issue related to the dog-scent lineup in your case has previously been addressed by the Court of Criminal Appeals. *See* TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 38.01 § 4(b-1) and *Winfrey v. State*, 393 S.W.3d 763 (Tex. Crim. App. 2013).

For general assistance regarding your case, you may consider contacting one of the publicly funded innocence clinics listed below:

Texas Center for Actual Innocence
727 East Dean Keeton Street
Austin, Texas 78705
Contact: Tiffany Dowling

The Innocence Project of Texas
300 Burnett, Suite 160
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Contact: Mike Ware

Texas Innocence Network
University of Houston Law Center
100 Law Center
Houston, Texas 77204
Contact: David Dow

Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Innocence Project
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004
Contact: Anthony Haughton

Sincerely,

Leigh M. Tomlin

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