



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

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*1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
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February 22, 2017

*Via e-mail*

Ms. Catherine Dunnivant  
P.O. Box 171464  
Arlington, Texas 76017

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") Complaint No. 16.36

Dear Ms. Dunnivant:

At its February 10, 2017 meeting, the Commission unanimously dismissed your complaint, because remaining questions about the integrity and reliability of the particular forensic analyses described in your complaint were resolved by subsequent analysis. The Commission understands the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas ordered the Drug Enforcement Agency to re-analyze the evidence in July 2016 and supplemental results were consistent with the Texas Department of Public Safety's ("DPS") original conclusions and calculations.

After reviewing your complaint, DPS made changes to its Standard Operating Procedures related to the way the laboratory performs quantitation analyses. Quantitation analysis is only performed by two regional laboratories (Garland and Austin). The DPS Controlled Substances Advisory Board is currently working on revisions to the Standard Operating Procedures to include the equation for the molecular weight calculation of methamphetamine base to methamphetamine-HCl.

We thank you for your complaint. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance to you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

*Leigh M. Savage*

Leigh Savage  
Associate General Counsel