



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

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1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
Austin, Texas 78701

August 19, 2016

Mr. Donald Aekins  
TDCJ# 1820499  
Connally Unit  
899 FM 632  
Kenedy, TX 78119

Re: Your Complaint to Texas Forensic Science Commission

Dear Mr. Aekins:

This letter is to inform you that the Commission received your complaint and has forwarded it to Trudy Strassburger for evaluation. She is assisting with the Commission's retroactive review of cases involving DNA mixture analyses and can be contacted as follows:

Ms. Trudy Strassburger  
Capitol Area Private Defenders Service  
816 Congress Avenue, Suite 700  
Austin, TX 78701

Just for your information, the Commission does not operate in the same manner as a court. Our jurisdiction extends only to forensic laboratories accredited in Texas and to analyses performed therein. This is not the proper forum for a civil rights claim or a claim against law enforcement, only for complaints against laboratories.

Ms. Strassburger should be able to assist with the entirety of your complaint and not just the allegations against the Austin Police Department's lab or the analyst involved in your case. Please let me know if I may be of any additional assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathryn Adams".

Kathryn Adams  
Commission Coordinator

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