



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

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

October 14, 2016

*Via First Class Mail*

Mr. David Sosa  
TDCJ #741776  
Eastham Unit  
2665 Prison Rd. #1  
Lovelady, Texas 75851

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") File No. 1167.16.49

Dear Mr. Sosa:

At its October 5, 2016 meeting, the Commission unanimously dismissed your complaint, because the firearm/tool mark analysis in your case occurred in 1995, prior to the effective date of the State's crime laboratory accreditation program. Firearm/Tool mark analysis is an accredited forensic discipline subject to review by the Commission; however, because the analysis occurred before the accreditation program took effect in 2003, any investigation by the Commission would be limited to best practices recommendations. The Commission declined to conduct a best practices assessment based on the information available.

Upon receipt of your complaint, Commission staff forwarded your complaint to both the Harris County District Attorneys Office Conviction Integrity Unit and the Harris County Public Defender's Office for review. For further assistance from either of these two offices, please direct your inquiry as follows:

Harris County Public Defender's Office  
Attn: Bob Wicoff  
1201 Franklin Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002

Harris County Conviction Integrity Unit  
Attn: Inger Chandler  
1201 Franklin Street, Suite 600  
Houston, Texas 77002

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Adams  
Commission Coordinator