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October 28, 2016

Mr. Travis Dale Gray
Ellis Unit
1697 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77343

Mr. Rex Allen Decker
15600 Oak Glen Circle
Hughesville, MD 20637

Re: Disposition of TFSC Complaint No. 1182.16.57

Dear Messrs. Gray and Decker:

This letter is to let you know that your complaints have been dismissed by the Commission due to lack of jurisdiction. Pursuant to Tex. Code Crim. Proc. §38.01 the term "forensic analysis" does not include the portion of an autopsy performed by a licensed physician. I have enclosed a copy of the statute with the relevant portion highlighted for your reference.

Your complaint concerns conflicting opinions by licensed medical doctors regarding cause of death. Licensed physicians are specifically exempt from the Commission's authority and have their own governing body, the Texas Medical Board. As a courtesy, I have enclosed instructions for filing a complaint with that organization as well as a blank complaint form.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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