



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

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November 14, 2016

Mr. Derrick L. Griffin
TDCJ# 728986
Stiles Unit
3060 Route 3514
Beaumont, TX 77705

Re: Disposition of Complaint No. 1187.16.62

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This letter is to inform you that the Commission has dismissed your complaint for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct against an accredited forensic laboratory. Your complaint articulates differing opinions of forensic pathologists as to cause and manner of death as well as fabrication of evidence by the prosecution. Both medical doctors and licensed attorneys have their own governing bodies not under this commission's authority.

Autopsies are specifically prohibited from the Commission's jurisdiction by statute. I have enclosed for your reference a copy of the relevant portion of Tex. Code Crim. Proc. 38.01 that states the term "forensic analysis" does not include portions of autopsies performed by licensed physicians.

For your convenience, I have enclosed complaint forms for the Texas Medical Board and the State Bar of Texas should you wish to file a complaint against the physicians and/or attorneys involved in your trial. I am also sending a list of state innocence clinics should you wish to submit your case for consideration by them.

Please let me know if I may be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Adams".

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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