



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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

January 10, 2017

Mr. Thomas Moreland
TDCJ# 1509572
Connally Unit
899 FM 632
Kenedy, TX 78119

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("TFSC") Complaint No. 1193.16.68

Dear Mr. Moreland:

This letter is to let you know your complaint (both of your complaints were processed together under one case number) has been dismissed for failure to state allegations of misconduct or negligence on the part of an accredited forensic laboratory.

After a thorough review of the materials submitted, your assertions appear to be connected with misconduct on the part of law enforcement (over which this commission has no jurisdiction) as opposed to performance of analyses conducted by laboratories. TFSC's jurisdiction extends only to work performed in crime labs accredited by the State of Texas.

Laboratories perform analyses only on items requested by its client. Just because a piece of evidence was sent to a lab does not automatically mean that it will be analyzed. In addition, the lab reports you provided delineate items submitted to them as well as items tested. This affords the client an opportunity to have previously untested items analyzed should the need arise.

I am enclosing a list of innocence clinics operating in Texas should you wish to contact them about reviewing your case. I am also returning the exhibits you submitted with your complaint in case you need them in the future. The Commission has retained copies for its records.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathryn Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathryn" and the last name "Adams" clearly legible.

Kathryn Adams

Commission Coordinator

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