



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION  
*Justice Through Science*

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

June 21, 2017

***Via First Class Mail***

Mr. Blake Allen Thain  
TDCJ #11025744  
Stiles Unit  
3060 FM 3514  
Beaumont, TX 77705

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") No. 17.19;  
Blake Allen Thain (HCIFS; Harris Co Sheriff's Dept)

Dear Mr. Thain:

At its May 26, 2017 meeting the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss your case because the firearms/toolmarks examiner testified at trial that the analysis performed was "somewhat subjective." This is an accurate statement regarding the nature of comparative disciplines such as firearm/toolmark analysis.

The Commission has no statutory authority to intervene in matters within the court's jurisdiction. Therefore, this is a matter that would be best handled by an attorney. I have enclosed a list of innocence clinics operating in Texas should you wish to submit your case for consideration.

Thank you and please let me know if I may be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Adams  
Commission Coordinator

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