



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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September 22, 2017

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Tarrance D. Whitlock
TDCJ# 00930799
Lynaugh Unit
1098 S. Hwy 2037
Ft. Stockton, TX 79735

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("TFSC") Complaint No. 17.36;
Tarrance Daron Whitlock (SWIFS/Flameless Atomic Absorption)

Dear Mr. Whitlock:

At its August 18, 2017 meeting the TFSC voted to dismiss your complaint for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct in connection with a forensic analysis. At the time the analysis in your case was performed, flameless atomic absorption was an acceptable test for gunshot residue.

TFSC has jurisdiction only over forensic laboratories and the analysis performed within them. It cannot order new or additional testing of evidence nor can it intervene in matters of court such as admission or exclusion of evidence. These are matters best handled by your legal representative.

Should you need counsel, I have enclosed is a list of innocence clinics operating in the State of Texas if you wish to submit the facts of your case to them for consideration. Thank you and 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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Encl.

LIST OF INNOCENCE CLINICS IN TEXAS

Texas Center for Actual Innocence
727 E. Dean Keeton St.
Austin, Texas 78705
Contact: Tiffany Dowling

Texas Innocence Network
University of Houston Law Center
100 Law Center
Houston, Texas 77204-6371
Contact: David Dow

The Innocence Project of Texas
300 Burnett, Suite 160
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102
Contact: Mike Ware

Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Innocence Project
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004
Contact: Anthony Haughton