



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

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

October 12, 2017

***VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL***

Mr. Timothy Strong  
TDCJ# 2073922  
Ft. Stockton Unit  
1536 IH-10 East  
Ft. Stockton, TX 79735

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("TFSC") Complaint No. 17.51,  
Timothy Strong (SWIFS/Toxicology)

Dear Mr. Strong:

This letter is to inform you that your complaint was dismissed by the TFSC on the ground that it has no authority to order evidentiary testing in any case.

Your allegation against the laboratory states "neglecting to conduct or even request specialized test to test for synthetic drugs." This Commission investigates allegations of negligence or misconduct involving forensic analyses performed by accredited laboratories in connection with criminal actions. You reference testing you believe **should have been done** in your case. Since the Commission cannot order forensic testing in any case, there is nothing it has any authority to act upon in this instance.

A legal representative should be consulted for advice concerning the possibility of having additional lab work performed in your case. I am including contact information for several publicly funded innocence clinics in Texas should you desire to contact them about taking your case.

Thank you.

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  
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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  
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