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August 7, 2014

Via e-mail and regular U.S. mail

Mr. Pat Johnson
Texas Department of Public Safety
5800 Guadalupe
Austin, Texas 78752

RE: FSC Disclosure #14-14 – DPS Garland (DNA)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

At its August 1, 2014 meeting, the Commission reviewed the disclosure referenced above regarding the failure to detect certain evidentiary stains by former analyst David Brake. The Commission determined the following:

Based on the information provided, including the quality action plan initiated by the laboratory in response to the irregularities identified in Mr. Brake's work, no further action by the laboratory is necessary at this time.

The Commission encourages the laboratory to follow-up with the law enforcement agencies that have not yet re-submitted evidence for re-testing to ensure they are aware of the request for re-submission.

If the laboratory identifies any material changes to the information provided at the meeting regarding this disclosure, please notify the Commission as soon as possible.

If you have any questions for us, please feel free to contact the Commission office.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "LH", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Leigh M. Heidenreich

Cc: Mr. James Nichols,
Garland Regional Laboratory Manager