



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

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Via e-mail and regular U.S. mail

Mr. Forrest Davis
Quality Assurance Coordinator
Texas DPS – Crime Laboratory Service
5800 Guadalupe Street
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RE: Texas Forensic Science Commission Disclosure #14-20 (Controlled Substance)

Dear Forrest:

At its October 7, 2014 quarterly meeting, the Commission reviewed the self-disclosure referenced above regarding an error in the weight of packaging material in the drug chemistry section of the DPS regional laboratory in Tyler. The Commission determined the following:

Based on the information provided, including the root cause analysis conducted, the re-weighing of the evidence, notification to affected stakeholders and development of a quality action plan, no further action by the laboratory is necessary at this time.

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, please feel free to contact the Commission office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Tomlin", is written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Leigh M. Tomlin
Commission Coordinator

cc: Brady Mills, Deputy Assistant Director for DPS
Skylor Hearne, Assistant Director for DPS
Greg Hilbig, Manager, DPS Regional Laboratory in Tyler