



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

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1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445
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May 29, 2018

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Richard C. Gipson
Michael Unit
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Tennessee Colony, TX 75886

Re: TFSC Complaint No. 18.16- Gipson, Richard C. (DPS Austin; Toxicology)

Dear Mr. Gipson,

At its April 20, 2018 meeting the Commission voted to dismiss your complaint. Your complaint sets forth general allegations regarding misconduct by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) regarding the testing performed in relation to your case, but the case file does not support your allegations. Your urine was sent to DPS Austin from its Tyler regional lab because Austin is the lab in the DPS system that performs urine toxicology. The allegation that the test was not performed is unsupported since there is a physical report in the case file indicating results of the test.

Allegations in your complaint regarding ineffective defense counsel, admission of certain evidence by the trial judge, etc. are matters over which the Commission has no authority. In addition, the Commission has no authority to order additional forensic testing of evidence in any case. Additional testing may only be ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

I am enclosing a list of innocence clinics operating in Texas should you wish to submit the facts of your case for possible representation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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