



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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

April 15, 2019

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Ronald James Coleman
Eastham Unit
2665 Prison Road 1
Lovelady, TX 75851

Re: TFSC Complaint No. 19.14; Coleman, Ronald J. (Baylor All Saints Hospital; Sexual Assault Examination)

Dear Mr. Coleman,

The referenced complaint was dismissed by commission staff for lack of jurisdiction and for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct related to a forensic analysis performed in an accredited laboratory. This commission's jurisdiction is limited to accredited crime labs and their analysts. Your complaint concerns law enforcement, medical personnel and a hospital, none of which are within TFSC's jurisdictional purview.

Not only was there no accredited laboratory involved, there was no forensic analyses performed on the evidence, and therefore nothing for the Commission's review. TFSC does not have authority to order testing of evidence in any case. Orders for testing usually come from law enforcement, and TFSC has no control over what they do and do not have tested.

You may obtain information for filing complaints against hospitals from Texas Health & Human Services. The law enforcement agency involved in your case should be able to advise you regarding the filing of a complaint against one of their officers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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