



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
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***Via First Class Mail***

Mr. Michael Soto, No. 1922031  
Travis Co. Correctional Complex  
3614 Bill Price Road  
Del Valle, TX 78617

Re: TFSC Complaint No. 20.30; Johnson, Soto, Michael (DPS Austin; Toxicology)

Dear Mr. Soto,

This letter is to inform you that the referenced complaint was dismissed by commission staff for failure to state a specific allegation of negligence or misconduct relative to a forensic analysis performed in your case. Sweeping general allegations of failure to preserve evidence, falsification of test results, unreliability of results, lack of oversight, and widespread misconduct by every forensic laboratory in Texas are factually insufficient assertions that do not provide enough information upon which the commission can accept a complaint for full investigation. They also do not disclose exactly what analysis in your case your complaint relates to.

In addition, the TFSC has no control or jurisdictional authority over attorneys and/or law enforcement officials, and cannot address actions of prosecutors or execution of the discovery process in your case. TFSC's jurisdiction extends only to the actual performance of forensic analyses in accredited laboratories, review of forensic reports, and testimony of forensic analysts in court proceedings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
Kathryn Adams  
Commission Coordinator

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