



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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May 27, 2020

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Timothy Bowie, No. 1914381
Travis Co. Correctional Complex
3614 Bill Price Road
Del Valle, TX 78617

Re: TFSC Complaint No. 20.31; Bowie, Timothy (DPS Austin; Latent Prints, Blood (no specific discipline provided))

Dear Mr. Bowie,

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 and 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.

These general allegations, along with the delineation of "blood" as one of the forensic disciplines relating to your complaint, do not provide an adequate explanation of exactly what type of analysis in your case your complaint relates to. There is no forensic discipline called "blood." The following are examples of forensic disciplines relating to blood: Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Blood Alcohol and Toxicology. The information provided in your complaint does not indicate the kind of blood analysis your allegations pertain to.

In addition to the above, the TFSC has no control or jurisdictional authority over attorneys and/or law enforcement officials, and cannot address actions taken by any officers of the court. 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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