



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445

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June 30, 2020

*Via First Class Mail*

Mr. Antonio Cochran  
TDCJ# 2180387  
McConnell Unit  
3001 S. Emily Dr.  
Beeville, TX 78102

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("TFSC") Complaint No. 20.05 Cochran, Antonio (SWIFS; Serology, Forensic Biology/DNA)

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Please be advised the TFSC dismissed the referenced complaint because it did not state a credible allegation of professional negligence or misconduct relative to a forensic analysis in your case. The TFSC reviewed your case file obtained from the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science (SWIFS) and found none of the allegations in the complaint to be supported by the record.

Mr. Tang's testimony was also reviewed and determined to be appropriate and consistent with his report. As he explained on the stand, forensic testing and related recording of bench notes by analysts precede issuance of a final laboratory report, so it is not unusual for testing and issuance of reports to extend over a period of time.

Additionally, the case documentation from SWIFS contain DNA profile data from the probable murder weapon (pocketknife) that was associated to your known DNA profile through a hit to the national CODIS database prior to your identification and arrest. The CODIS hit was subsequently substantiated with your known reference sample.

Allegations of generalized misconduct or conspiracy against prosecutors and law enforcement are not within the Commission's jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Adams  
Commission Coordinator

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