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Via e-mail to pstout@houstonforensicscience.org

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Re: Forensic Science Commission Disclosure No. 20.71; Houston Forensic Science Center (Latent Prints)

Dear Dr. Stout,

At its January 29, 2021 quarterly meeting, the Commission reviewed the referenced self-disclosure. Based on the root cause analysis and correction actions taken by the laboratory in each incident, the Commission concluded no further action is necessary at this time. Commissioners commended the Houston Forensic Science Center for its efforts to improve technical and administrative review processes through its Lean Six Sigma project as described in the self-disclosure.

Should the laboratory identify any material changes to the information provided in connection with this disclosure, please notify the Commission as soon as possible. Thank you and please feel free to contact commission staff with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Leigh M. Tomlin
Associate General Counsel

cc: Erika Ziemak