



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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May 18, 2020

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Jaime Apodaca
9308 S. 1st St. #1520
Austin, TX 78748

Re: TFSC Complaint No. 20.20; Apocada, Jaime (Travis County Medical Examiner;
Post Mortem Toxicology)

Dear Mr. Apodaca,

This letter is to inform you that the referenced complaint was dismissed by Texas Forensic Science Commission ("TFSC") staff for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct in connection with a forensic analysis performed in your case.

Commission staff contacted the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office and requested its case file. The file indicates that no post-mortem toxicology analysis was requested or performed by the medical examiner's office. Post-mortem toxicology testing is not part of routine autopsies and must be specifically requested. No such request was made in this case.

Since no post-mortem toxicology was performed, there is nothing within TFSC's jurisdiction for review. Texas law specifically exempts the portion of an autopsy performed by a licensed physician from TFSC's oversight. Your complaint concerning the medical examiner missing an injury should be directed to the Texas Medical Board.

Thank you.

Kathryn Adams

Sincerely,

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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