



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

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May 18, 2020

***Via First Class Mail***

Mr. Charles Lee  
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Hughes Unit  
Rt. 2, Box 4400  
Gatesville, TX 76597

Re: TFSC Complaint No. 20.27; Lee, Charles (Austin Police Department Crime Lab;  
Forensic Biology/DNA)

Dear Mr. Lee,

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 both the Austin Police Department and the Austin laboratory of the Texas Department of Public Safety (“DPS Austin”) concerning your case. The Austin Police Department’s DNA laboratory was not set up until 2004; until that time Austin’s DNA analyses were usually performed by DPS Austin. Neither laboratory has records indicating that any evidence in your case was ever submitted for DNA analysis. With no evidence that an analysis over which this commission has jurisdiction exists, there is nothing for TFSC to investigate.

TFSC has no authority to order testing of items, nor can it address your allegation that results of DNA analysis performed on a piece of evidence was hidden or withheld from the defense. Those are matters of court and should be handled by your legal representative.

Enclosed is a list of innocence clinics operating in Texas should you wish to submit your case for consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*Kathryn Adams*  
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Commission Coordinator

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