



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

*1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
Austin, Texas 78701*

April 30, 2021

***Via First Class Mail***

Mr. Holston Banks  
TDCJ #02160854  
Robertson Unit  
12071 FM 3522  
Abilene, Texas 79601

Re: TFSC No. 21.13 Banks, Holston (Texas Department of Public Safety; Forensic Biology/DNA)

Dear Mr. Banks:

On April 16, 2021, the Forensic Science Commission (“Commission”) voted to dismiss the referenced complaint because your allegation about the partial profile being uploaded to CODIS demonstrates a misunderstanding of the results set forth in the DNA report.

The reported results were consistent with a three-person mixture. Your known profile and the victim’s known profile could not be excluded as possible contributors to the mixture. The CODIS upload that resulted in a “hit” to your known profile was appropriate under national rules established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that govern the CODIS database. The DNA profile of a possible third contributor was not uploaded to CODIS because the data were insufficient to meet threshold requirements under the FBI rules governing CODIS.

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

Sincerely,

*Kathryn Adams*  
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Commission Coordinator