



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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

August 22, 2019

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Rodney D. Gowans, Sr.
TDCJ# 00781356
Hughes Unit
Rt. 2, Box 4400
Gatesville, TX 77348

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") case no. 19.22 Gowans, Sr.,
Rodney D. (Department of Public Safety- Austin; Blood Alcohol)

Dear Mr. Gowans,

At its August 16, 2019 meeting, the Commission voted to dismiss the referenced complaint because it concerns a 1997 blood alcohol case. This is prior to establishment of the Texas crime lab accreditation program in 2003 over which the Commission has jurisdiction.

Commission staff contacted DPS and requested the subject case file. The laboratory was unable to locate such a file. With no case file or transcript of the analyst's trial testimony, there is nothing for the Commission to review and render an opinion about and the case was therefore dismissed

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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Encl.

Gawans

Subject: FW: Complaint against DPS Austin
Date: Friday, July 12, 2019 at 3:03:10 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Mills, Brady
To: Kathryn Adams

Kathryn,

We don't have a case on this one.

Thank you

Brady Mills
Crime Laboratory Director
Texas Department of Public Safety

From: Robertson, Steve <Steve.Robertson@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Mills, Brady <Brady.Mills@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Complaint against DPS Austin

Justice Trax shows only a 2013 drug case for this defendant's name.
Not enough info to do further search

From: Mills, Brady <Brady.Mills@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Robertson, Steve <Steve.Robertson@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Complaint against DPS Austin

Can you see if we have a case on this?

Brady Mills
Crime Laboratory Director
Texas Department of Public Safety

From: Kathryn Adams <Kathryn.Adams@fsc.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Mills, Brady <Brady.Mills@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Complaint against DPS Austin

Brady, do you have any documentation on this case that you can send us?
Thank you!

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