



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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February 13, 2020

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Rolando Torres
TDCJ# 1065518
Allred Unit
2101 FM 369 North
Iowa Park, TX 76367

Re: TFSC Complaint No. 19.40- Torres, Rolando (Harris Co. Institute of Forensic Science;
Forensic Biology)

Dear Mr. Torres,

At its January 31, 2020 quarterly meeting the Commission voted to dismiss the referenced complaint. The bases for this decision are as follows: 1) laboratory reports indicate a positive presumptive test for the presence of blood on the shoes tested, 2) no credible allegation of professional negligence or misconduct by the laboratory was made, and 3) the Commission does not have authority to order re-testing of evidence.

While reports indicate the amount of blood present on the shoes was insufficient for confirmatory or DNA testing, the result of the presumptive test would not have been positive if the substance was not blood. An order for re-testing of evidence is a legal matter that should be handled by a court with jurisdiction over the case.

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

Sincerely,


Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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