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Via e-mail to PStout@houstonforensicscience.org

Dr. Peter Stout
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RE: TFSC Self-Disclosure #17.22; Houston Forensic Science Center (Crime Scene Unit)

Dear Dr. Stout:

At its February 2, 2018 meeting the Commission unanimously voted to close the investigative panel in the referenced disclosure, and to include the issues presented in the disclosure as part of its crime scene investigation study required by the 85th Legislature's HB-34.

HB-34 requires the Commission to conduct a study regarding the manner in which crime scene investigations are conducted in the State, including 1) an evaluation of the standard procedures used in processing a crime scene and evaluation of the quality of crime scene investigations; 2) an evaluation of the availability and adequacy of training and continuing education for crime scene investigators; and 3) the development of legislative recommendations regarding improvement to crime scene investigation procedures.

If you have any questions regarding the Commission's recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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