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May 2, 2022

Via email to Maggie.kiely@pdo.hctx.net

Ms. Maggie Kiely
Harris County Public Defender's Office
1201 Franklin, 13th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Re: Complaint No. 22.16: Webster, Joseph (Ron Smith & Associates; Latent Prints)

Dear Ms. Kiely,

At its April 22, 2022 quarterly meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to accept the referenced complaint for investigation. The Commission established an investigative panel consisting of members Dr. Patrick Buzzini, Dr. Michael Coble and Mr. Mark Daniel. Specifically, the Commission will evaluate the integrity and reliability of the forensic analysis, offer recommendations for best practices in the discipline of latent print analysis, and make other appropriate recommendations.

The investigative process may take several months to complete, and you may be asked for additional information during the process. Upon completion of the investigation, the Commission will draft and publish a final report that will be available on the Commission's website at www.fsc.texas.gov.

Please feel free to contact commission staff with any questions or concerns about the investigative process at (512) 936-0770 or via email to info@fsc.texas.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Smith
Robert Smith
Senior Staff Attorney

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