



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION
Justice Through Science

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Via First Class Mail

Mr. Rolando Zapien
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3201 FM 929
Gatesville, TX 76597

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("TFSC") Complaint No. 22.56: Zapien,
Rolando (Harris Co. ADA Farnaz Faiaz Hutchins; Evidence Collection)

Dear Mr. Zapien,

This letter is to inform you that the referenced complaint was dismissed by TFSC staff for failure to allege professional negligence or misconduct related to the forensic analysis of physical evidence. The complaint concerns evidence collection and its introduction at trial. The TFSC's jurisdiction is over forensic analyses of evidence related to criminal cases; it has no jurisdiction or authority to direct evidence collection or to dictate how a prosecutor introduces evidence in court.

Additionally, the complaint was made against a Dallas County prosecutor. The TFSC has no jurisdiction over attorneys. Their licensing authority is the State Bar of Texas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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