

TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION Justice Through Science

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Via email to steve.mayes@jeffcotx.us

Mr. Steve Mayes Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory 5030 Highway 69 South, Suite 500 Beaumont, Texas 77705

> Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") Laboratory Self-disclosure No. 22.52; Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory (Firearms/Toolmarks)

Dear Mr. Mayes:

At its January 27, 2023 quarterly meeting, the Commission voted to take no further action on the referenced disclosure given the corrective actions by the laboratory and the fact that firearms proficiency testing, inconclusive reporting, and blind verification issues with general applicability will be addressed in an upcoming report to be published by the Commission.

Should the laboratory identify any material changes to the information provided in connection with this self-disclosure, please notify the Commission as soon as possible. Thank you and please feel free to contact Commission staff with any questions you may have.

Sincerely, *Leigh M. Tomlin* Leigh M. Tomlin Associate General Counsel

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