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SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445
Austin, Texas 78701

September 3, 2015

Dr. Daniel D. Garner
Houston Forensic Science Center
1200 Travis 20th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

RE: Application for Texas Forensic Science Commission Accreditation under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651.

Dear Dr. Garner:

With some exceptions, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.35, requires Texas Forensic Science Commission (FSC) accreditation as a predicate to the admission of the forensic analysis of physical evidence and expert testimony relating to the evidence in a criminal case.

As the designee of the Texas Forensic Science Commission Presiding Officer, I have considered your application based on your national accreditation from FQS and grant full FSC Accreditation to Houston Forensic Science Center Crime Laboratory for the following disciplines:

Controlled Substances
Biology/DNA
Toxicology
Firearms/Tool marks

The term of FQS accreditation is from 9/11/2014 to 9/11/2018 unless they have extended their accreditation as part of a routine renewal process. **The term of FSC accreditation is from 9/1/2015 until such time that the accreditation from FQS is no longer current.**

FSC accreditation is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, including requirements of reporting correspondence, reports or communication between the laboratory and the accrediting body. FSC accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as FQS withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leigh M. Tomlin", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Leigh M. Tomlin
FSC Accreditation Program Administrator