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DPS ACCREDITATION

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Mr. William Gibbens
Austin P.D. Forensic Science
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RE: Application for DPS Accreditation under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 28, Subchapter H

Dear Mr. William Gibbens:

With some exceptions, Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.35, requires Department of Public Safety (DPS) 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 Director of the Department of Public Safety, I have considered your application based on your national accreditation from ASCLD/LAB and grant Full DPS Accreditation to Austin P.D. Forensic Science Services Division for the following disciplines:

Controlled Substances *Toxicology*
Biology *Firearms&Toolmarks*

The following limitations are imposed on these accredited disciplines: Toxicology (Blood Alcohol only).

The term of ASCLD/LAB accreditation is from 8/3/2010 to 8/2/2015 unless they have extended their accreditation as part of a routine renewal process.

The term of DPS accreditation is from 10/14/2010 until such time that the accreditation from ASCLD/LAB is no longer current.

DPS Accreditation is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 28, Subchapter H, including requirements of reporting correspondence, reports or communication between the laboratory and the accrediting body. DPS accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as ASCLD/LAB withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Yours Truly,

D. Pat Johnson
Director, Crime Laboratory Service

CC: ASCLD/LAB

