



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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

September 11, 2015

Mr. William Gibbens
Austin P.D. Forensic Science
Services Division
PO Box 689001
Austin, Texas 78768-9001

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

Dear Mr. Gibbens:

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 ASCLD/LAB and grant full FSC Accreditation to Austin P.D. Forensic Science Services Division for the following disciplines:

*Controlled Substances
Biology/DNA
Toxicology*
Firearms/Tool marks*

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

The term of ASCLD/LAB accreditation is from 9/3/2015 to 9/2/2019 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 **The term of FSC accreditation is from 9/1/2015 until such time that the accreditation from ASCLD/LAB is no longer current.**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 FSC accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as ASCLD/LAB withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Tomlin', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Leigh M. Tomlin
FSC Accreditation Program Administrator