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Justice Through Science

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

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Ms. Katherine Sanchez
Austin Police Department Forensic Science Bureau
812 Springdale Road
Austin, Texas 78702

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

Dear Ms. Sanchez:

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’s Presiding Officer, I have considered your application based on your national accreditation from ANAB and grant full FSC Accreditation to the Austin Police Department Forensic Science Bureau for the following forensic disciplines:

Discipline(s)	Categories of Testing
Seized Drugs	Qualitative Determination Quantitative Analysis General Chemical Testing
Toxicology	Human Performance Forensic Toxicology (Blood Alcohol Only)
Firearms/Toolmarks	Firearms Toolmarks Distance Determination Individual Characteristic Database

The current term of ANAB accreditation is from 08/23/2019 to 9/30/2023. **The term of FSC accreditation begins 9/1/15 and continues until such time that the accreditation from ANAB is no longer current.**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 FSC accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as ANAB withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Sincerely,

Leigh M. Savage

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FSC Accreditation Program Administrator