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DPS ACCREDITATION

March 23, 2009

Mr. Stefan A. Long
The Forensic Testing Laboratory, Inc.
3655 Research Dr.; Genesis Center-A
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003

RE: Application for DPS Accreditation under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 28, Subchapter H

Dear Mr. Stefan A. Long:

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 FQS-I and grant Full DPS Accreditation to The Forensic Testing Laboratory, Inc. for the following disciplines:

Biology

There are no limitations imposed on these accredited disciplines.

The term of FQS-I accreditation is from 1/21/2009 to 1/21/2010 unless they have extended their accreditation as part of a routine renewal process.

The term of DPS accreditation is from 3/23/2009 until such time that the accreditation from FQS-I is no longer current.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 DPS accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as FQS-I withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D. Pat Johnson'.

D. Pat Johnson
Director, Crime Laboratory Service

CC: FQS-I

