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The Fannin County Criminal District Attorney's Office was recently notified by the Texas Department of Public Safety of errors in the FBI-developed population database used in forensic DNA match statistics. DPS has informed us that the errors have been corrected and that the corrections have no impact on the inclusion or exclusion of victims or defendants in any result. DPS has further informed us that, if requested in writing, DPS crime laboratories will recalculate and report statistics reported in previous cases. At this time, we have no indications that any cases prosecuted by this office have been affected; however, upon written request of defense counsel, we will request that DPS recalculate and report statistics previously reported. A copy of the letter from DPS is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard E. Glaser". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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The Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory system was informed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in May 2015 of errors in the FBI-developed population database. This database has been used by the Texas DPS Crime Laboratory system as well as many other crime laboratories across the country for calculating match statistics in criminal investigations and other types of human identification applications since 1999.

Upon notification, the forensic DNA community immediately began corrective action. During implementation of corrective measures, minor discrepancies were discovered in additional data used exclusively by the Texas Department of Public Safety. All of the errors have been corrected and the changes have empirically demonstrated minimal impact on the calculations used to determine the significance of an association. **Further, the database corrections have no impact on the inclusion or exclusion of victims or defendants in any result.**

If requested in writing, the Texas DPS Crime Laboratory System will recalculate and report statistics previously reported in individual cases.

If you have any questions, please contact your local crime laboratory.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Brady W Mills'.

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