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Subject: Fwd: Member Laboratory Concern
Date: Tue, Jun 14, 2016 4:08 pm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: John Neuner <JNeuner@ascd-lab.org>
Date: November 4, 2015 at 9:02:17 AM EST
To: tiffany roy <tiffany.roy@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Member Laboratory Concern

Ms. Roy:

Thanks for providing the additional information requested. We will continue to review this matter in accordance with our 'allegations' policy.

John

John Neuner, Executive Director
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From: tiffany roy [mailto:tiffany.roy@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 12:28 PM
To: John Neuner
Subject: Re: Member Laboratory Concern

Mr. Neuner,

The case I reviewed was the State of Florida v. John Paul Spencer, BSO Lab #14-03320 and Agency case #42-1401-001852. The BSO report is dated 5/28/2014, that report contains the samples that led to the discovery of this issue. Specifically, the problem was identified during a review of the electropherogram for BSO item #14-Swabs of knife handle (item#8). This electropherogram, in conjunction with BSO protocols DNA 30, DNA 31 and DNA 32, as well as statements made by the analyst, Christopher Comar, during deposition in relation to the matter listed above.

Let me know if there is anything else you need.
Sincerely,
Tiffany Roy

On Tue, Nov 3, 2015 at 9:07 AM, John Neuner <JNeuner@ascd-lab.org> wrote:
Ms. Roy:

As I and the ASCLD/LAB Board Chair continue to consider the complaint you submitted against the Broward Sheriff's Office laboratory, we have reached a point of needing additional information. Please provide us with sufficient identifying information to know which case you reviewed and during what year the case was worked by the laboratory.

Thanks,

John

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From: John Neuner
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:18 PM
To: 'tiffany roy'
Subject: RE: Member Laboratory Concern

Ms. Roy:

Your email does contain sufficient preliminary detail for me to begin the process of following our "allegations" procedure.

Please accept this email response as my official acknowledgement of receipt of your concern. I or someone representing ASCLD/LAB will be back in touch with you when we reach the appropriate point in our procedure to speak with you.

John

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From: tiffany roy [<mailto:tiffany.roy@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:26 PM

To: John Neuner

Subject: Fwd: Member Laboratory Concern

Mr. Neuner,

Please let me know if this email is detailed enough.

Tiffany

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From: **tiffany roy** <tiffany.roy@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 2, 2015 at 12:34 PM

Subject: Member Laboratory Concern

To: "jneuner@ascl-d-lab.org" <jneuner@ascl-d-lab.org>, lfarrell@ascl-d-lab.org

Mr. Neuner and Ms. Farrell,

My name is Tiffany Roy and I am a private Forensic DNA consultant. I recently reviewed a case submitted to me by a criminal defense attorney that was processed by Broward County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and ASCLD/LAB member laboratory. As part of my review, I examined electropherograms, DNA reports, protocols and a deposition transcript by the reporting analyst in relation to the matter. As a result of this review, serious concerns were raised for me regarding the methods being employed by Broward County in the interpretation of complex DNA mixtures.

I know there is debate on this topic in the field, but after following closely what happened in Washington, DC, I feel it's my professional obligation not only to address my concerns with the attorneys involved in the case, but also with you all.

The crux of my concern is the misuse of the CPI statistic at locations where the lab is seeing evidence of potential drop out (peaks below the stochastic threshold) as determined by Broward County. It appears to me that Broward County is misunderstanding the use of the stochastic threshold and the purpose of determining which locations are to be used for statistical calculations prior to comparing DNA standards to questioned profiles. The approach they are using now is biased and the result is an overestimation of evidentiary weight, in some cases interpreting evidence that should not be interpreted.

I would like to speak with someone regarding these concerns in more detail, so that this can more easily be discussed with Broward. I'm certain a great many cases have been effected by this and this may warrant a much wider review. Feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at this email address or by phone at 978-987-1773.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Roy