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The Travis County District Attorney's Office received the accompanying letter from the Texas Forensic Science Commission regarding the recent assessment of the Austin Police Department (APD) Forensic DNA Laboratory. APD has temporarily suspended all operations of the DNA lab. This letter has been forwarded to the Austin Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Capital Area Private Defender Service, the Travis County Criminal District Judges and is available on the District Attorney's website at:

<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/district-attorney/dna-analysis>

The Travis County District Attorney's Office has retained and consulted with Dr. Bruce Budowle, a leading expert in forensic DNA, to review casework by the APD DNA lab before the plea or trial of pending cases. Our office will have no further comment at this time.

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