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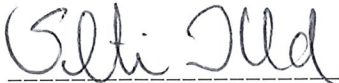
September 13, 2022

Subject: Clearance for Independent Casework

Effective September 13, 2022, Derek Sanders has approval for independent casework. Derek Sanders has successfully completed a modified training program as shown outlined in the attached Deviation from Documented Procedures. The reduced training program was possible due to the extensive analytical, instrumental, and court experience Derek Sanders has as a former forensic chemist at the Houston PD Crime Lab, the Pasadena PD Crime Lab, and the Houston Forensic Science Center. Additionally, he already has a current license from the Texas Forensic Science Commission as a Seized Drug Analyst. For his training, Derek shadowed Forensic Chemist Alexis Tijerina and me to observe existing lab practices. During the shadowing process, Derek demonstrated his ability to utilize all the laboratory balances currently in use by the Seized Drugs section. He also demonstrated his ability to utilize the analytical instrumentation, i.e. the Agilent GCMS # 1, GCMS #3, and GCMS #4. Derek took a competency exam consisting of twelve cases and successfully passed that exam by correctly identifying all exhibits. The folders were subject to a technical and administrative review, and any adjustments made were to comply with current lab practice. The QA Manager, Aleia Winters, administered a written test of cumulative knowledge on September 6, 2022. Aleia and I jointly reviewed and graded the test, and awarded a passing score, thereby completing Derek Sanders training.

Several items normally required for a training program are waived in this instance. The proficiency test is waived since it was successfully taken at the Houston Forensic Science Center, Derek's previous place of employment. The moot court is waived since Derek has frequently testified in County and District courts, and has had his testimony reviewed. The fifty cases required for shadowing was reduced because of Derek's extensive lab experience.

This letter serves to clear Derek Sanders for independent casework. He has approval to receive and analyze evidence; enter results into Justice Trax®; perform Technical and Administrative reviews; utilize all approved equipment and resources for Seized Drugs analysis; develop new instrumental methods; issue reports; offer opinions and interpretations on Seized Drug analyses; and train newly hired chemists.



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