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Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
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Ref: Report Required by 15 MRSA §2138, sub-15

Dear Senator Gerzofsky, Representative Dion and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to report to your committee as required by 15 MRSA §2138, sub-15. That subsection mandates that the Department of Public Safety prepare an annual report on post-conviction DNA analysis.

The Maine State Police Crime Laboratory was involved with two cases for post-conviction DNA analysis in 2013. There were no costs other than analyst and support staff's time.

The results of these two cases are as follows:

1. Justice Bradford held a final hearing in November. The Crime Lab DNA Analyst and several outside experts testified. Defense submitted their closing arguments in writing in January; Prosecution submitted theirs in February, after which defense may respond. Sometime afterwards Justice Bradford will decide if there will be a new trial. We estimate spending over 100 hours of staff time on this case in 2013 totaling approximately \$4000.00 at the burdened rates. [L88-309 DECHAINED]
2. The defendant made multiple requests for information in 2013. The efforts in this case were applied by our administrative staff. Time was spent researching and complying with requests for policies, procedures, and other documents. We responded to over 10 separate letters from the defendant in 2013, and estimate 20 hours of staff time dedicated to those efforts totaling approximately \$800.00 at the burdened rates. Not all of these requests would be directly related to DNA post-conviction legislation. [L02-385 REESE]

Respectfully submitted,

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