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Ref: Report Required by 15 MRSA §2138, sub-15

Dear Senator Rosen, Representative Fowle and Honorable 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 2014. There were no costs other than analyst and support staff's time.

The results of these two cases are as follows:

1. Justice Bradford issued a ruling in this case. He determined that he could not conclude that a different verdict would have been reached after considering all the old and new evidence in the case. (L88-309 DECHAINED)
2. Limited DNA testing was done on a known blood sample of an alternative suspect in another case. The defense has also conducted some testing in this case which excludes the suspect as the donor of DNA on one item of evidence. A hearing will be scheduled. We estimate spending approximately 16 hours of staff time on this case in 2014 totaling approximately \$660.00 in staff time and supplies. (L94-198 BATES)

Respectfully submitted,

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