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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. We are to include the number of analyses completed under this statute, associated costs, and the results.

The Maine State Police Crime Laboratory was not involved in any cases for post-conviction DNA analysis in 2015. There were no expenses associated with post-conviction DNA testing in 2015.

There was a ruling in 2015 related to prior year post-conviction testing. The Law Court denied Dennis Dechaine's appeal from Justice Bradford's denial of his post-conviction DNA motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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