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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 Rosen, Representative Warren 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 involved with three cases for post-conviction DNA analysis in 2017. There were no costs other than analyst and support staff's time.

The results of these three cases are as follows:

1. The Crime Laboratory conducted limited DNA testing on evidence reference to the State vs. Sanborn. There were no results of significant from that testing. A settlement was reached in November in which the DNA motion was withdrawn. (1980, SANBORN)
2. The Law Court denied (January 2018) Foster Bates appeal of denial of his post-conviction DNA motion for a new trial. He killed Tammy Dickson in 1994 in South Portland. (L94-198 BATES). There were no associated costs to this laboratory on this case.
3. Danny Roberts...

Respectfully submitted,

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