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

Dear Senator Deschambeault, 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 marginally involved with four cases for post-conviction DNA analysis in 2018. There were no costs other than analyst/ support staff time.

The results of these three cases are as follows:

1. Our Crime Laboratory re-tested 3 old DNA extracts from the suspected murder weapon. After the re-testing, our lab authored a post-conviction MOU between the state and the defense for Daniel Roberts. Defense counsel hired outside experts, Sorensen lab, who did independent forensic testing for Daniel Roberts. The state is waiting for a DNA motion to be filed in state court soon.
2. Our Crime Laboratory authored a post-conviction MOU between the state and the defense for Jason Twardus. Defense counsel hired outside experts, DDC Forensics, who did independent forensic testing for Jason Twardus.
3. Our Crime Laboratory authored a post-conviction MOU between the state and the defense for Jeffrey A. Cookson. Defense counsel hired outside experts, Cellmark Forensic, who did independent forensic testing for Jeffrey Cookson. Cookson's DNA motion was finally denied and the Maine Law Court affirmed the denial.
4. Olland Reese filed a federal petition for a new trial. US Magistrate Judge John Nivison issued a decision recommending that the US District Court deny Olland Reese's federal habeas corpus petition (which he filed in 2013). The federal petition was denied and there is no appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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