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Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
c/o Legislative Information
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RE: Maine State Police, Crime Laboratory Report, Required by 15 MRSA §2138, sub-15

Dear Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

Please accept the foregoing annual report of the Department of Public Safety regarding post-conviction (“post-judgment”) DNA analysis at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory (hereinafter “Lab”), pursuant to 15 MRSA §2138, sub-15. This report provides the number of said analyses worked on by the Lab, associated costs, and the results.

The Maine State Police Crime Laboratory was marginally involved in three cases for post-conviction DNA analysis and/or review in 2021:

1. In *State v. Jeffrey Williams*, YOR-10-578, the Crime Laboratory assisted the Attorney General’s Office by preparing for a PCR hearing (held virtually) about independent testing. We estimate spending approximately \$640.00 in staff time and office support and \$160.00 in consumables [L08-510].
2. The Crime Laboratory assisted the Attorney General’s Office in *State v. Mercier*, CD-CR-15-179, vesting approximately 80-hours with numerous emails, virtual meetings, preparing an affidavit, and two days of scheduled testimony. We estimate spending approximately \$800.00 in staff time and office support [L80-270].
3. In *State v. Deschaine*, KNO-CR-89-126, the Crime Laboratory assisted the Attorney General’s Office vesting approximately 32-hours with numerous emails, researching

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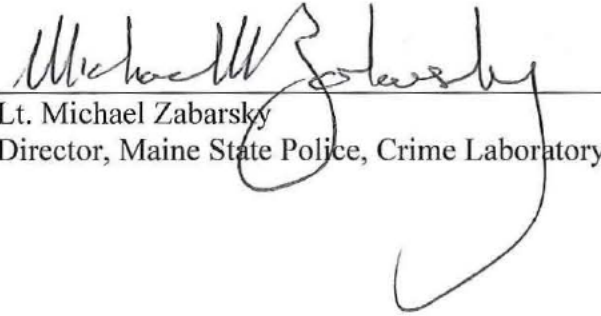
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MVAC (forensic DNA collection instrument) and Probabilistic Genotyping applications, as well as preparing for hearing. We estimate spending approximately \$340.00 in staff time [L88-309].

At this time, the Crime Laboratory is not aware of any further decisions and/or judgements regarding the aforementioned cases.

Respectfully submitted,



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