

**Texas Forensic Science Commission  
Minutes from August 13, 2015 Blazek Investigative Panel Meeting in Austin, Texas**

The Texas Forensic Science Commission's Blazek Investigative Panel met at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at the Omni Austin Southpark, 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, Texas 78744.

Members of the Commission were present as follows:

Members Present: Di Maio, Hughes-Stamm, Alpert

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lynn Garcia, FSC General Counsel  
Leigh Tomlin, Commission Coordinator

*Defense attorney Frank Blazek filed this complaint, alleging critically conflicting conclusions by a firearms analyst in the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences ("SWIFS") Laboratory – Firearms Section.*

**Review and discuss report by John Murdock, expert retained by Commission.**

Mr. Murdock gave an introduction and background description of the complaint. Murdock reviewed his report findings with panel members. Panel members and representatives from the laboratory discussed the recommendations and findings in Mr. Murdock's final report.

**Questions and answers with Mr. Murdock.**

Commission members and representatives from the laboratory and other stakeholders in the firearms/tool marks forensic discipline exchanged questions and answers with Mr. Murdock.

**Discuss recommendations for finalization of report per statute.**

Members discussed recommending to the full FSC the finalization of an FSC report that will contain recommendations issued by Mr. Murdock in his report.

**Discuss notification and follow-up assignments related to review, including possible items for deliberation by full Commission.**

**Public Comment.**

The following members of the public provided public comment during the session:

Timothy Sliter, SWIFS Laboratory Director  
Stacy McDonald, SWIFS Deputy Laboratory Director  
April Kendrick, SWIFS Firearms Examiner  
Heather Francis, SWIFS Firearms Examiner  
Laura Fleming, SWIFS Firearms Examiner

Ron Crumley, Texas DPS - Austin Firearms Section Supervisor

**Adjourn.**