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Ms. Borde,

I write in response your letter dated January 5, 2017 in which you made an open records request for the names of analysts who received FBI training in hair microscopy analysis, and disclosure of all the cases in which the analysts conducted hair microscopy analysis.

To our knowledge four analysts received this training: Frank Dolejsi, Elaine Sunderland, Karen Doerfer, and Barbara LeMay. We are aware of fifteen cases in which they performed this analysis.

Under section 165.79(1), Wis. Stats., "[e]vidence, information and analyses of evidence obtained from law enforcement officers by the laboratories is privileged and not available to persons other than law enforcement officers . . ." prior to trial, except to the extent that the same is used by the state at a preliminary hearing and except as provided in s. 971.23 [pre-trial criminal discovery]."

Therefore, additional information is not available via an open records request as it would constitute records derived from analysis of evidence collected by law enforcement in the investigation of a crime and therefore fall within the purview of Wis. Stat. sec. 165.79(1).

I hope this information is useful to you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 414-382-7500.

Sincerely,

Jana Champion Bureau Director

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