



TEXAS FORENSIC  
SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

*1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
Austin, Texas 78701*

October 4, 2023

Ms. Tarah Helsel  
RJ Lee Group, Inc.  
Forensic Science Department  
800 Presque Isle Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239

RE: Application for Renewal of Texas Forensic Science Commission Accreditation under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651

Dear Ms. Helsel:

With some exceptions, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.35, requires Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") accreditation as a predicate to the admission of the forensic analysis of physical evidence and expert testimony relating to the evidence in a criminal case.

As the designee of the Commission's Presiding Officer, I have considered your application for renewal of accreditation based on your national accreditation by the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation ("A2LA") and grant Commission accreditation to RJ Lee Group, Inc. for the laboratory location and corresponding forensic disciplines, tests and test methods as designated by A2LA in its Scope of Accreditation issued 06/06/2023 attached with this letter.<sup>1</sup> The current term of A2LA accreditation is from **06/06/2023 to 12/31/2024**. The current term of Commission accreditation is from **06/06/2023 to 12/31/2024**.

Commission accreditation is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651.8(d) Reports to the Commission, including: 1) providing the Commission with a copy of each annual accreditation review report or assessment document; 2) copies of all correspondence and each report or communication between the laboratory and the recognized

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that certain forensic disciplines and categories of testing listed on a crime laboratory's Scope of Accreditation may be exempt from Texas accreditation requirements either by statute or administrative rule. TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 38.35(d)(1). Examples of items that may appear on an accreditation scope but are exempt by Texas law or administrative rule include: serial number restoration, latent print examination, collection activities, digital evidence, crime scene reconstruction, and the portion of an autopsy conducted by a medical examiner or other forensic pathologist who is a licensed physician. A complete and current list of forensic disciplines and categories of forensic examinations or tests subject to and exempt from Commission accreditation rules may be found [here](#).

accrediting body; and 3) notification of the discontinuation or addition of a specific forensic discipline or category of analysis.

The term of Commission accreditation is active until such time that the accreditation from A2LA is no longer current. Commission accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as A2LA withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Sincerely,

*Leigh M. Tomlin*

Leigh M. Tomlin  
Accreditation Program Manager



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO ISO/IEC 17025:2017

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FORENSIC TESTING

Valid To: December 31, 2024

Certificate Number: 3985.02

In recognition of the successful completion of the A2LA evaluation process (including compliance to *R221 - Specific Requirements - Forensic Examination Accreditation Program-Testing and Calibration*), accreditation is granted to this organization at the location listed above as well as the one satellite location listed below to perform the following tests:

<u>Test:</u>	<u>Test Method(s):</u>
<b>Trace Evidence Analysis</b>	
Gunshot Residue (GSR) Analysis by Scanning Electron Microscope	RJLG Standard Operating Procedure, FOR.001 "Gunshot Residue-CCSEM Sample Setup, Relocation and Analysis"
<b>Firearms and Toolmarks</b>	
Distance Determination	RJLG Standard Operating Procedure, FOR.025 "Distance Determination Preparation, Analysis and Reporting"

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<u>Test:</u>	<u>Test Method(s):</u>
<b>Firearms and Toolmarks</b>	
Distance Determination ( <i>Shooting only</i> )	RJLG Standard Operating Procedure, FOR.025 "Distance Determination Preparation, Analysis and Reporting"

<sup>1</sup> This accreditation covers testing performed at all laboratory locations listed in this scope of accreditation.



# Accredited Laboratory

A2LA has accredited

**RJ LEE GROUP, INC.**

Monroeville, PA

for technical competence in the field of

**Forensic Testing**

This laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*. This laboratory also meets the requirements of A2LA R221 - *Specific Requirements: Forensic Examination Accreditation Program – Testing and Calibration*. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system (refer to joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué dated April 2017).



Presented this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

A blue ink signature of Mr. Trace McInturff.

Mr. Trace McInturff, Vice President, Accreditation Services  
For the Accreditation Council  
Certificate Number 3985.02  
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*For the tests to which this accreditation applies, please refer to the laboratory's Forensic Scope of Accreditation.*