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Cuyahoga County Prosecutor

Conviction Integrity Unit Application for Review

Name:

Address/Facility:

Inmate Number (if applicable):

Telephone Number (if applicable):

Case Number:

Year convicted/sentenced of the crime:

Date of application:

In order for the Conviction Integrity Unit to conduct a preliminary review of a conviction, applicants making a claim of innocence or a compelling claim must meet the following prerequisites:

- The conviction must have been in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court;
- The applicant must currently be a living person presenting his or her claim of actual innocence or a compelling claim (a compelling claim is a claim where the pursuit of truth and justice, based upon compelling evidence, requires the CIU's review);
- There must be a claim of actual innocence or otherwise compelling claim and not solely a legal issue (previously raised and/or could have been raised at trial or during the appellate process);
- New and credible evidence of innocence must exist;
- The claim must not be frivolous; and
- The applicant must sign a written "limited" waiver of certain procedural safeguards and privileges, agrees to cooperate with the CIU, and agrees to provide full disclosure regarding all requirements of the Conviction Integrity Unit.

The CIU does not review strictly legal claims such as those concerning procedural errors at trial or raised previously during the appellate or post-conviction process. Such cases may be screened and summarily dismissed by the CIU. Please complete this questionnaire and return to the Conviction Integrity Unit. You may use additional paper if necessary.

1. What is the crime that you (the applicant) were convicted?
2. Where did the crime take place?
3. Explain why you are innocent or why your claim is a compelling claim?
4. What evidence, documents, testimony, photographs, audio and/or video supports your claim?

Please return this application and all relevant documents to the following address: Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, **ATTENTION:** Conviction Integrity Unit, 1200 Ontario Street, 9th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

NOTE: The CCPO Conviction Integrity Unit (including all other assisting units, support staff, individuals, and assistant prosecuting attorneys) reviews cases for the sole purpose of investigating wrongful convictions. The decision to review and further investigate a claim cannot be inferred as an acceptance of the validity of the alleged claim. Moreover, in consenting to allow DNA testing, the State of Ohio does not concede and takes no position on the significance (or lack thereof) of any DNA test result which may be obtained during testing. Moreover, the CIU and CCPO do not act as legal counsel, in any respect, to any person or applicant whose case is being investigated or reviewed. Finally, the CIU's decision on the merits of the applicant's claim is final and not subject to further review or appeal to any court or tribunal.