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REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY CONVICTION REVIEW UNIT

The Conviction Review Unit (CRU) reviews claims of actual innocence by persons convicted of felonies in New Jersey state courts to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence of actual innocence. You may apply for a review regardless of whether you were convicted at trial or pled guilty.

Eligibility requirements:

1. You must have been convicted in the New Jersey Superior Court, Criminal Division of indictable conviction(s), also known as felony offenses.
2. Individuals who are in custody, serving time on the sentence for which they were wrongfully convicted will have priority over individuals who have been released from custody.
3. The application for review must be based on objectively credible and verifiable evidence of innocence.
4. Your case may not be on direct appeal. If you have a post-conviction motion pending in any court your request for a review may be put on hold until that motion is decided.



1. Name: _____

2. Date of Birth: _____

3. Social Security Number: _____

4. SBI number: _____

5. Current Address:
(if incarcerated, Correctional Institution Address)

6. Are you currently serving a sentence? YES ___ NO ___

7. If yes, how long is your sentence? _____

8. Nature of the offense of conviction: _____

9. County of Conviction: _____

10. Case Number (Indictment or Accusation Number): _____

11. If applicable, federal habeas docket number: _____

12. Are you **currently** represented by an attorney? YES ___ NO ___

If so, attorney's name and phone number: _____

13. Do you currently have an appeal or post-conviction motion pending in any court?

YES ___ NO ___

If an appeal, Appeal Number: _____



14. Has any innocence organization worked on your case? YES ____ NO ____

If so, which organization? _____

15. Please explain in detail how you are innocent of the charges and why you believe the CRU should review your case:

16. Is there new evidence in your case that the judge or jury did not hear that you believe demonstrates your actual innocence?



17. To fully understand the reasons you say that you are innocent, we may want to review some of the important documents from your case. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THESE DOCUMENTS NOW. If we need a document, you will be contacted and told which documents to send.

Check off the materials which you have in your possession:

- Discovery
- Appellate Division Opinion(s)
- Briefs filed in the Appellate Division
- Trial transcripts If yes, how many volumes: _____
- Briefs filed on Post-Conviction Relief
- Post-Conviction Relief Opinions
- Post-Conviction Relief Transcripts If yes, how many volumes: _____
- Federal Court Documents Specify: _____
- Other Legal Documents Specify: _____

18. Please list the name(s) of the attorney(s) who have represented you at past proceedings in your case:

- Trial Name: _____
- Direct Appeal Name: _____
- Post-Conviction Relief Name: _____
- Federal Proceedings Name: _____
- Other: Name: _____



Please read the following provisions carefully and sign below if you agree:

I understand that the CRU does not represent me as an attorney and cannot give me legal advice. I understand that if I **currently** have an attorney, all future communications must be made through my attorney.

I understand that anything the CRU learns in the course of review or re-investigation may be shared with other law enforcement agencies.

I understand this request for review does not extend any judicial time frames to file an appeal or petition or motion for post-conviction relief.

I understand that I have no right to a CRU review of my case and no right to appeal any CRU decision.

I understand that the CRU will conduct a preliminary review of all cases in which a formal request has been made. I also understand that if the CRU accepts my case for further review, that does not mean I will receive relief. I understand that decisions about whether CRU will re-open a full case investigation, as well as how the claim will be investigated and resolved, will be made by the CRU.

I agree to fully and openly cooperate with the CRU review, which includes allowing the CRU to contact and speak with my **previous** attorney(s) about any NON-PRIVILEGED matter, and allowing the CRU to see my client file, as maintained by my previous attorney(s), to review any information, other than privileged communications or attorney work-product contained within my file.

I understand that information gathered by the CRU to review my application may be disclosed to appropriate third parties who may be assisting in the review of my case, including law students and innocence project volunteers.

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Return the completed Request for Conviction Review form and any other documentation to the following address via US Mail:

Office of the Attorney General
Conviction Review Unit
P.O. Box 085
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0085

