



Pro Se Application for Review

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Complete this application in its entirety and submit via mail, email, or digitally on our website. If you do not know the answer to a question, it may be left blank. Be sure to attach copies of any documents that support your application/claims. Do not staple, tape, etc., documents together. **Do not send original documents.** Please submit the completed application and **copies** of supporting documents to:

**MAIL: Conviction Integrity Section
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**The Conviction Integrity Section (CIS) only accepts cases where the below statements apply.
IF ANY ANSWER IS "NO", YOUR CONVICTION DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR REVIEW.**

1. Your conviction must have occurred in a county of the COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA, except Philadelphia County www.phila.gov, or Conviction Integrity Unit, Philadelphia's District Attorney's Office, 3 South Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3499. ☐ YES NO
2. Your conviction must be for a felony. YES NO
3. You must be incarcerated on the conviction in question. YES NO
4. You must present a credible claim of actual innocence (for instance, you did not commit or participate in the crime charged) which is supported by information or evidence not previously part of your original trial or guilty plea. ☐ YES NO

Please keep in mind CIS will not review lawful sentences, affirmative defenses, claims, or evidence previously considered by and presented to the original finder of fact (jury or judge). For example, CIS will not review cases of self-defense or consent versus rape.

Applicant Information

NAME

DOC NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

SCI FACILITY

COUNTY OF CONVICTION

DOCKET NUMBER

RACE and ETHNICITY:
(please mark all that apply)

Alaska Native

Asian

Black

Hispanic

Native American

Pacific Islander Prefer

White

Other

Not To Specify

Acknowledgements

Initial each beside each statement below to show your understanding and agreement with the following:

I understand my request for CIS review will not affect the time I have to pursue post-conviction remedies, such as filing a direct appeal or PCRA. I must pursue and exhaust those remedies separately before CIS review.

I do not have any appellate or post conviction litigation pending.

I understand the CIS notice of receipt of my completed application does not indicate acceptance of my case for full investigation, nor an acceptance of my claim of innocence.

I understand the CIS is a division in the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. CIS personnel are not defense attorneys, do not represent me, and do not provide legal advice.

I understand I am providing information to a prosecutor's office and that any statements are provided voluntarily.

I am not currently represented by an attorney or I am currently represented by an attorney but wish to submit this application on my own after consulting with my lawyer.

No one has promised me anything to fill out this application

I understand the CIS reviews cases based on its own standards and my case may or may not be reviewed or investigated.

I understand the CIS may contact any of the people or witnesses I have listed.

I give my current and former attorney's permission to share information from their files with the CIS.

I give the Pennsylvania Innocence Project or any other innocence organization permission to share all information they may have in the review of my case with the CIS.

I understand and waive any applicable privilege to the information I provide, including but not limited to, the attorney-client privilege.

My primary language is English. If other, please indicate: _____.

I have completed this application without assistance. If otherwise, please indicate what assistance you received: _____.

Case Information

DATE CRIME OCCURED

DATE OF ARREST

CRIME(S) CONVICTED OF

SENTENCE(S) IMPOSED

DATE OF SENTENCE/CONVICTION

Please list all the Attorney(s) who have previously represented you:

How were you convicted? (please mark all that apply)

Judge/Bench

Jury Trial

Guilty Plea

No Contest Plea

Please check a box for every statement you believe applies. You may check as many boxes as you need. If none apply, check the box saying “None of the above statements apply to me.”

- ☐

I had no role in the crime I was convicted of.
- ☐

I did some of what I was convicted for, but not all of it.
- ☐

I did something illegal because I was forced to do it by someone else.
- ☐

None of the above statements apply to me.

Prior Post-Conviction Appeals

Do you have any active appeals or post-conviction motion?

YES

NO

If yes, please provide the case number:

Have you filed any post-conviction motions before in this case?

YES

NO

If yes, please provide case information:

Prior DNA Testing

Was DNA evidence used at trial?	YES	NO
If yes, by whom?	COMMONWEALTH	DEFENSE
Have you filed a motion for DNA testing under state law?	YES	NO
Was the motion granted?	YES	NO
Was testing done?	YES	NO

Contact with Innocence Organizations

Have you contacted the Pennsylvania Innocence Project about your case?	YES	NO
If yes, are they currently investigating?	YES	NO
Have you contacted an innocence organization/project about your case?	YES	NO
If yes, which organization(s) and when?	<hr/>	

New Evidence or Evidence of Innocence

Please check every box for each statement you believe applies to your case. You may check as many boxes as needed. If none apply, check the box saying "None of the above statements apply to me."

A witness/informant who testified against me has recanted or changed their testimony.

I was not at the crime scene and have an alibi not previously available.

There was scientific testimony at my trial that was wrong or has been discredited.

Briefly explain what testimony:

There is expert testimony at my trial that was wrong or has been discredited.

Briefly explain what testimony:

The arresting officer or an officer that presented testimony against me was arrested.

Name of Officer and Badge Number:

There is DNA in my case that was never tested.

There is new evidence that proves my innocence that wasn't available when I went to trial or entered my plea. Briefly explain what evidence:

None of the above statements apply to me.

Questions About Scientific Evidence

Please check every box for each statement you believe applies to your case. You can check as many boxes as you need. If none apply, check the box saying “None of the above statements apply to me.”

The Commonwealth said I hurt or killed a baby by shaking the baby.

The Commonwealth said I intentionally started a fire.

The Commonwealth used bite mark evidence (teeth marks) against me.

The Commonwealth used hair comparison evidence against me.

None of the above statements apply to me.

Information About Other Evidence

Please check every box for each statement you believe applies to your case. You can check as many boxes as you need. If none apply, check the box saying “None of the above statements apply to me.”

I testified at my trial.

Police said I confessed to them, but I did not.

Police said I confessed to them, but my statement was coerced.

An eyewitness or victim didn't know me but identified me as the person committing the crime.

If you were identified, which of the following fit how you were identified:

An eyewitness or victim identified me from a show-up.

An eyewitness or victim identified me from a photo array or photo lineup.

An eyewitness or victim identified me from a live lineup.

An eyewitness or victim identified me for the first time in court.

The witness or informant who testified against me lied.

Police said they found my fingerprints at the crime scene.

Police said they found my hair at the crime scene.

Police said they found my blood at the crime scene.

Police said they found other of my body fluids semen, spit, sweat)at the crime scene.

Police said the victim's DNA was on me.

Police said I had the victim's property or other belongings.

The witness or informant who testified against me had a deal with the Commonwealth I just learned about.

Please explain details of cooperation and how discovered: _____

None of the above statements apply to me.

Information About New Evidence and Innocence

Please answer these questions in the boxes, including as much information as you know. If you need more space, use a separate piece of paper.

Please explain in detail why you are innocent of this crime.

(For instance, if you were somewhere else when the crime happened, tell us where you were and what you were doing. If you don't think a crime really happened, please tell us why.)

Please explain what you were doing the day of your arrest and the events leading up to your arrest.

Please list name, contact information, and relationship witnesses or any other person with relevant information CIS should contact.

Do you know of anything new about your case you didn't know when you went to trial or pleaded guilty. For instance: *Has someone else confessed to the crime? Do you know about new evidence? Has evidence of a deal between the Commonwealth and a witness/informant who testified against you newly come to light? Please include as many details as possible.*

Do you have information about who may have committed the crime?

Is there anything else you want the CIS to know about your case?

FOR THE CONVICTION INTEGRITY SECTION TO REVIEW THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE EXECUTE AND DATE BY SIGNING BELOW:

- 1. I fully understand the terms and conditions contained in the application; and**
- 2. I verify the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I may be held liable for any unsworn falsification provided herein pursuant to Pa.C.S. 18 § 4904.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE