



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:

ADDRESS: Conviction Integrity Unit
Criminal Law Division – PA Office of Attorney General
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The Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) 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

NOTE: CIU 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, CIU 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 beside each statement below to show your *UNDERSTANDING* and *AGREEMENT* with the following:

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

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

_____ I understand the CIU 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 CIU is a division of the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. CIU 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 CIU reviews cases based on its own standards and my case may or may not be reviewed or investigated.

_____ I understand the CIU 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 CIU.

_____ 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 CIU.

_____ 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 OCCURRED	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? (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 any other innocence organization/project about your case?

☐ Yes☐ No

If yes, which organization(s) and when?

New Evidence or Evidence of Innocence

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”.

- ☐ 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: _____

- ☐ 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 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”.

- ☐ 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 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 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 line-up.
- ☐ An eyewitness or victim identified me from a live line-up.
- ☐ An eyewitness or victim identified me from 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 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 below, 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 names, contact information and relationship witnesses or any other person with relevant information CIU 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 anyone else confessed to the crime? Do you know about new evidence? Has evidence of a deal between the Commonwealth and the 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 CIU to know about your case?

**FOR THE CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT 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 P.a.C.S. 18 § 4904.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE