

## Inmate Questionnaire

**Instructions:** It is important to answer each question to the best of your ability. Investigating Innocence does not have the resources to accept questionnaire responses by mail. We encourage you to have a friend or family member print out a hard copy of the questionnaire and to research your responses based on the trial record. This will involve some work on your end to provide us with concise and accurate answers, so we may properly evaluate your claim of innocence.

Completion of this questionnaire does not mean that we are accepting your case. Please be aware that Investigating Innocence does not provide legal representation. We are not lawyers. We are an organization of private and public investigators. Our organization provides fact investigation for those cases that we accept. Our members either donate their time or work for a reduced fee.

If Investigating Innocence feels your case has merit we will attempt to conduct further investigation into your case. If we find new evidence that can assist you in challenging your conviction, we will refer your case to a project that can provide you with proper legal representation if you do not currently have a lawyer. If you are already working with an innocence project or attorney, our investigators will work as a member of your legal defense team if that is what you desire.

Our resources are very limited. We may not be able to respond right away, but be assured that the information you provide will be evaluated as resources become available.

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle name or initial \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Penal institution where you are incarcerated \_\_\_\_\_

Your inmate number \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

What was the date of your conviction? \_\_\_\_\_

List all charges you were convicted of. \_\_\_\_\_

Were co-defendants also arrested and charged?

Yes      No

If yes, list each co-defendant's name and the disposition of their case(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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In what state did your conviction occur? \_\_\_\_\_

In what county did the crime occur? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the case number? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your conviction result from a trial or plea?

Trial    Plea

If your conviction resulted in a plea, provide a summary of your case and the reasons that caused you to plead guilty. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide the names of all attorneys who represented you at trial, on direct appeal, or in post-conviction proceedings. Please include contact information if known, including phone number, mailing address and email. \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently represented by an attorney?

Yes    No

If yes, please provide name and contact information if known, including phone number, mailing address and email. \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the status of your case? (For example, are you on direct appeal, post-convicting proceedings or habeas) \_\_\_\_\_

Is your case currently being reviewed by any other project that works to free the wrongfully convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, please identify the name of the project and the name of the person you are in contact with. \_\_\_\_\_

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Did the testimony of an eye-witness mistakenly identify you as the perpetrator?

Yes    No

If yes, please identify the name(s) of the eye-witness, and any factors that may have led them to mistakenly identify you as the perpetrator? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you falsely confess to a crime you did not commit?

Yes    No

If yes, please describe the police interrogation tactics that led you to give a false confession, along with the names of the detective(s) who interrogated you. \_\_\_\_\_

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Did the testimony of an in-custody informant (jailhouse snitch) contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the names of each in-custody informant and a summary of their testimony.

Did the testimony of an expert who gave opinions about microscopic hair comparison contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony \_\_\_\_\_

Did the testimony of an expert who gave opinions about bloodstain pattern analysis contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony \_\_\_\_\_

Did the testimony of an expert who gave opinions about bite mark comparisons contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony \_\_\_\_\_

Did the testimony of an expert who gave opinions about shaken baby syndrome contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony \_\_\_\_\_

Did the testimony of an expert on fire cause and origin contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony \_\_\_\_\_

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Did testimony of an expert on gunshot residue testing contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony

Did the testimony of an expert who examined ballistic evidence, shell casings or fired bullets contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony. \_\_\_\_\_

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Did the testimony of a medical examiner, coroner, or forensic pathologist contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony. \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes    No

Did the testimony of a tool mark expert (one who makes comparison of shoe prints or tire tracks etc.) contribute to you being convicted?

If yes, provide the name of all experts on this issue who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony. \_\_\_\_\_

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Did the testimony of some other expert whose opinions may be regarded as junk science by today's standards contribute to you being convicted?

Yes    No

If yes, provide the name of all experts who testified for the state and a summary of their testimony. \_\_\_\_\_

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Was DNA testing conducted in your case?

Yes    No

If yes:

A. Was DNA testing conducted before you went to trial?

Yes            No

If yes: List what items of evidence were tested, the year tested, the type of DNA test that was conducted and results, if you know. \_\_\_\_\_

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B. Was DNA testing conducted after you were convicted?

Yes            No

If yes: List what items of evidence were tested, the year tested, the type of DNA test that was conducted and results, if you know. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. Were any of the DNA test results inconclusive, a mixture of more than one person, or a partial profile?

Yes            No

If yes: List what items of evidence were tested, the year tested, the type of DNA test that was conducted and results, if you know. \_\_\_\_\_

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D. Are there other items of evidence that have not been tested for DNA?

Yes            No

If yes, list what items of evidence you feel still need to be tested? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide a summary of what other alleged evidence that persuaded a jury to convict you. \_\_\_\_\_

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What new evidence helps support your claim of actual innocence? \_\_\_\_\_

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What areas of investigation do you feel are needed to prove your innocence? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have friends and family who support your claim of innocence? If so, please enter their names and contact information if known, including phone number, mailing address and email. \_\_\_\_\_

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