



HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HARRIS COUNTY CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT CASE REVIEW FORM

The Conviction Integrity Unit (“CIU”) investigates claims of actual innocence and wrongful convictions by persons who have been convicted by the Harris County District Attorney’s Office and do not have a pending post-conviction writ.

The purpose of the CIU’s investigation is to determine if newly discovered or newly available evidence exists to establish that the convicted person is actually innocent by a clear and convincing standard of proof. “Newly discovered” or “newly available” evidence is evidence that was either not known to the claimant or could not be known to the claimant with the exercise of due diligence at the time of trial, plea, or post-trial motions. Consequently, factual questions that have already been decided by a judge or jury and evidence that has already been presented at trial or a post-conviction proceeding are not newly discovered or newly available evidence.

This form is to be completed by the convicted person.

Complete this form as fully as possible. If you add extra pages, please number your answers according to the questions below.

Do not send original documents or your only copy of documents. If you have supporting documentation, only provide copies, if possible.

Please note that the Harris County District Attorney’s Office does not represent you. The Harris County District Attorney’s Office cannot give you legal advice, and the attorney-client privilege does not apply to anything that you disclose in this form or during any other form of communication.

**PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND COPIES OF ANY SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION TO:**

**Harris County District Attorney’s Office
Conviction Integrity Unit
500 Jefferson, Suite 600
Houston, Texas 77002**

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION OF CONVICTED PERSON

1. Name: _____

2. Date of birth: Month/____Day/____ Year/____

3. Primary language: English Spanish Other: _____

4. Highest grade completed in school: _____

5. Current mailing address: _____

6. Are you currently incarcerated? Yes No

If “yes,” provide unit name: _____

If “yes,” provide TDCJ inmate number: _____

7. Are you currently represented by an attorney? Yes No

If “yes,” provide your attorney’s name and contact information:

If “yes,” what type of proceeding (for example: appeal, habeas proceeding, etc.)?

B. CASE INFORMATION

8. Offense: _____

9. Date of offense: _____

10. Cause number(s): _____

11. Defense counsel at time of plea/trial: _____

12. Prosecutor at time of plea/trial: _____

13. Name(s) and age(s) of victim(s):

14. Did you know the victim(s)? Yes No

If "yes," how did you know the victim(s)?

15. Where did you live at the time of the offense?

16. Were you present at the scene of the offense? Yes No

If "yes," describe where you were, what you were doing, and why you were present.
If "no," describe where you were and what you were doing at the time of the offense.

17. Were you involved in any way with the offense? Yes No

If "yes," describe how you were involved.

18. Describe your arrest, including when you were arrested and how it happened.

19. Were you employed at the time of your arrest? Yes No

If "yes," provide the name, address, and telephone number of your employer.

20. Did you give a statement or confession to the police? Yes No

If "yes," how was your statement taken (indicate all that apply)?

tape recorded videotaped written

21. Were there any co-defendant(s)? Yes No

If "yes," provide their name(s): _____

If "yes," how did you know the co-defendant(s) (for example: friend, relative, etc.)?

If "yes," provide the name(s) of any co-defendant(s) who testified against you.

22. Were you offered a plea bargain? Yes No

23. Did you plead or go to trial? Plea Trial

24. If you did not go to trial, what was your plea?
 Guilty No Contest (Nolo Contendere)

25. If you were convicted at trial, who decided your guilt? Judge Jury

26. Who decided your punishment? Judge Jury

27. What sentence did you receive? _____

28. Did you testify during the guilt phase of your trial? Yes No

29. Did you testify during the punishment phase of your trial? Yes No

30. If you went to trial, provide the names and contact information for each witness who testified on your behalf.

31. Identify the physical evidence used to connect you to the crime (i.e., fingerprints, weapons, fibers, DNA, etc.)?

32. Do you know if the police investigated any other suspect(s)? If so, provide the name(s) of the other suspect(s)?

33. Do you know who committed the crime? Yes No

If "yes," who? _____

If "yes," what evidence proves that this person committed the crime?

C. POST-CONVICTION PROCEEDINGS

35. Did you appeal your conviction? Yes No

If "yes," provide the name and contact information of appellate attorney:

If "yes," what claims did you raise on direct appeal?

36. Have there been any habeas (writ of habeas corpus) proceedings?

Yes No

If "yes," what type of habeas proceedings, state and/or federal?

State Federal

If "yes," provide the name and contact information of attorney(s):

If “yes,” what claims were raised in the habeas proceedings? _____

D. CURRENT CLAIM INFORMATION

37. Describe in detail the claims you are making now. _____

38. Describe your version of events concerning the crime for which you were convicted. Include a description of what you were doing that day, what happened, and any other information you believe is important.

39. Are you *actually innocent* of the crime for which you were convicted?

Note: For purposes of this review you are “actually innocent” if you did not commit the offense for which you were convicted or any possible lesser included offense.

Yes No

40. What is the *newly discovered or newly available evidence* which supports your claim that you are innocent of the crime(s)?

Note: “Newly discovered” or “newly available evidence” is evidence that was either not known to you *or* could not have been known to you with the exercise of due diligence at the time of trial, plea, or post-trial motions.

41. Why do you think you were identified as a suspect in this case?

42. Do you have an alibi, who did not already testify on your behalf at trial, which proves that you could not have committed this crime?

Yes No

If “yes,” provide the name(s) and current contact information for your alibi witness(es)?

If “yes,” what is your relationship with your alibi witness(es)?

If “yes,” what are the factual details that your alibi witness(es) will likely provide?

43. Have you contacted any innocence group or organization seeking a review of your claim of innocence?

Yes No

If “yes,” who have you contacted, when did you contact them, and are they currently reviewing your case?

44. What other information would you like us to consider during the review of your case?

45. Do you have documents or affidavits to support your claims? If so, what documents or affidavits?

Signature of convicted person: _____

Date of signature: _____