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SCIENCE COMMISSION

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1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445
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November 10, 2017

Via First Class Mail

Mr. Anthony X. Hill
TDCJ# 744207
Hughes Unit
Rt. 2 Box 4400
Gatesville, TX 76597

Re: Texas Forensic Science Commission Complaint No. 17.13;
Anthony X. Hill (Max Courtney; Crime Scene Reconstruction)

Dear Mr. Hill:

At its November 3, 2017 meeting, commissioners voted to dismiss your complaint and refer it to Dawn Boswell at the Tarrant County Conviction Integrity Unit ("CIU") for review and follow-up. As of the date of the commission meeting, Ms. Boswell had not received the CIU form provided to you to be completed and returned to her.

I am enclosing a new form for that purpose. Please fill it out to the best of your ability and return it to Ms. Boswell. If there is information requested on the form that you do not have in your possession, simply note it on the form.

Thank you and please let me know if I may be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathryn Adams", is written over the typed name.

Kathryn Adams
Commission Coordinator

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Encl.

Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Conviction Integrity Unit
WAIVER AND CONSENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read the limited waiver below and sign if you agree with its terms. If you are currently represented by an attorney, please discuss this matter with your attorney and have your attorney sign as well. **The original copy of this form must be delivered to the Conviction Integrity Unit.** Please retain a copy for your records.

I, _____, have filed an application with the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) of the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in which I have requested the CIU to review my conviction. I **am / am not** (*circle one*) currently represented by an attorney. I understand that, in order for the CIU to fully investigate any claims of misconduct by the State, the CIU will need to determine what information was disclosed to my previous attorney(s) by the State or other parties.

Therefore, I agree to fully cooperate with CIU's review, which includes allowing CIU to contact and speak with my previous attorney(s) about any NON-PRIVILEGED matters, and allowing CIU to access my client file, as maintained by my previous attorney(s), to view any information, other than privileged communications or attorney work-product, contained within my file.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood all of the above statements and that my agreement to cooperate with the CIU is made by my own free will and is given voluntarily.

My name is _____, my date of birth is _____, my inmate identifying number, if any, is _____, and my address (or place in which I am currently incarcerated) is _____. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Convicted Offender

Executed in _____ County, State of Texas, on _____.

CERTIFICATION BY ATTORNEY FOR CONVICTED PERSON (if currently represented by counsel)

I hereby certify that I have fully explained to the convicted offender the above statement and that his/her signature is a result of an independent and informed decision made by him/her.

Signature of Attorney for Convicted Offender

Name of Attorney for Convicted Offender
(Type or Print)

Date Signed

**Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Instructions for Conviction Integrity Unit Review ****

The Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) will only review cases that meet the following criteria:

1. The conviction must arise from a Tarrant County court;
2. A claim must not be frivolous but procedural bars will not prohibit any review;
3. Records/evidence necessary for re-investigation must be available for review;
4. The applicant must present a new and credible claim of actual innocence. Particular attention will be given to newly discovered evidence or evidence supporting wrongful conviction due to issues concerning forensic science, misidentification, misconduct /Brady violations, jail house/confidential informant, alibi and recantation. DNA testing must be requested by Chapter 64 Motion, but results of such testing may result in internal referral to CIU.
5. The applicant and/or convicted person must fully and openly cooperate with the unit. If applicant has an attorney, all communication must be made through the attorney.
6. Return completed intake form and associated documents to:

**Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center
401 W. Belknap Fort Worth, Texas 76196
Attention: Conviction Integrity Unit**

**** Attorneys, innocence projects or internal referrals may submit substantially similar information without utilizing this form**

CIU will NOT review the following (cases may be summarily dismissed upon screening):

Purely ineffective assistance of counsel claims;
Claims regarding procedural errors at trial or purely legal claims;
Cases currently on direct appeal;
Other "general" writ claims (such as time credits, etc.);
Any claim where the convicted applicant now recants his or her trial testimony and offers a new theory of innocence.

A plea of guilty is not a bar to CIU review but will be subjected to a higher level of scrutiny. Capital Murder, Murder, Sexual Assault, or other serious felonies where the convicted is serving a substantial sentence will be given priority.

Decisions regarding whether CIU will re-open case investigations, as well as how the claim will be investigated and resolved, are at the discretion of the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney. All efforts to expedite resolutions will be made (subject to the above criteria) and a preliminary review of all submitted cases will be made within 90 to 180 days.

TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT REVIEW REQUEST

Please answer as many of the following questions as you can. If you have supporting documents, please provide copies if possible, or at least indicate that you have such documents. ***(Do not send us your originals or the only copy you have.)*** Answer this form as completely as you can or note why you are unable to answer. You may use additional paper if necessary. Please number your answers according to the questions below.

Please be advised that this office does not represent you. We are unable to give you legal advice and the attorney-client privilege does not apply to anything you tell us in this form or any other communication.

Please provide information requested below:

1. Convicted person's name: _____
2. Convicted person's Texas Department of Criminal Justice Identification Number:

3. Convicted person's current mailing address: _____

4. Is English the convicted person's primary language? Yes ____ No ____
5. If English is not the convicted person's primary language please list the primary language. _____
6. If the applicant is not the convicted person, please provide the following:
 - a. Applicant's name: _____
 - b. Applicant's address: _____

 - c. Applicant's phone number: _____
 - d. Applicant's email address: _____
 - e. Applicant's relationship to the convicted person: _____

7. What is the crime that is the basis of this application for review? _____

8. What was the date of the offense? _____
9. What was the date of conviction? _____
10. What was the court of conviction? _____
11. What is the cause number of this offense? _____
12. In what city did the offense take place? _____
13. In what county did the offense take place? _____
14. At what address did the offense occur? _____

15. Who was your attorney at trial? _____
16. Was there a direct appeal? Yes _____ No _____
- a. If yes, who was your attorney? _____
- b. If yes, please list the appellate cause number: _____
- c. If yes, please list the date the appeal was filed: _____
- d. If yes, are there any proceedings still currently pending? Yes _____ No _____
- e. If no pending proceedings, please list date decided (opinion was issued or mandate was returned): _____
17. Was there a PDR? Yes _____ No _____
- a. If yes, who was your attorney? _____
- b. If yes, please list the cause number: _____
- c. If yes, please list the date filed: _____
- d. If yes, are there any proceedings still currently pending? Yes _____ No _____
- e. If no pending proceedings, please list date decided: _____

a. If yes, who was your attorney? _____

b. If yes, please list the cause number: _____

c. If yes, please list the date filed: _____

d. Was a hearing held on the writ(s)? Include any date(s) of hearings: _____

e. If yes, are there any proceedings still currently pending? Yes _____ No _____

f. If no pending proceedings, please list date decided: _____

a. If yes, who was your attorney? _____

b. If yes, please list the cause number: _____

c. If yes, are there any proceedings still currently pending? Yes _____ No _____

d. If yes, was any testing done? Yes _____ No _____

e. List what was tested and any results: _____

f. If no pending proceedings, please list date decided: _____

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21. What issues (as described above in the instruction sheet) are present in your case, if any? _____

22. What evidence supports your claims? (Include any alibi, other suspects, physical evidence such as weapon, examined or unexamined forensic evidence such as DNA or fingerprints, etc.):

23. What testimony is there that supports your claim? _____

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24. Finally, provide any other information you think would be helpful in reviewing your case. Include information (name, phone numbers, addresses, and email) for any persons you think could provide information that could assist in your claims or verify any of the information you provided. _____

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Remember to attach any documents, affidavits, or letters supporting your claims (again, do **not** send originals).

Mail all of this to the address listed on the instruction sheet but keep the instruction sheet for your records.

By submitting this document you affirm that you meet the conditions described above as required for Conviction Integrity Unit case review and agree you will fully cooperate in a CIU investigation.

Thank you.