

# Innocence Project Northwest Screening Questionnaire

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRISON INMATE (DOC) #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUPERIOR COURT CASE # \_\_\_\_\_ APPELLATE CASE # \_\_\_\_\_

PRISON COUNSELOR, NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF OFFENSE: \_\_\_\_\_ CONVICTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED RELEASE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please answer, as fully as you can, all of the questions that apply to your case. The more information we have, the better we can assess your case.

**I. Briefly Describe the Prosecution's Theory of Your Case at Trial (what the prosecutor said happened):**

**Briefly Describe the Defense's Theory of Your Case at Trial (what your defense attorney said happened and why you are innocent of the crime):**

**II. Briefly Describe Why Your Case Should Be Taken By Innocence Project Northwest. Explain Why You Are Innocent And Why You Believe You Were Wrongly Convicted.**

**Would You Be Willing To Submit To A DNA Test Knowing That The Test Could Prove Your Guilt OR Innocence? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Is There Any Physical Evidence Still Available? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**  
**If Yes,**  
**What is It?**

**Where Is It?**

**Who Has It?**

**Was It Used At Trial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If No, Why Not?**

### **III. Attorney and Court Information**

1. Date Of Incident:
2. Date Of Arrest:
3. Investigating Detective (*Name, Address*):
4. Charges:
5. Name(s) Of Alleged Victim(s):
6. Date and Place Of Conviction (*Town, County, State*):
7. What Were You Convicted Of?
8. What is Your Sentence?
9. Pre-Trial Attorney (*Name, Address, Telephone*):
10. Pre-Trial Prosecuting Attorney (*Name, Address, Telephone*):
11. Trial Attorney (*Name, Address, Telephone*):
12. Trial Prosecuting Attorney (*Name, Address, Telephone*):

13. Judge (*Name*):

**APPEAL (if you did NOT appeal, please go to Section IV, CASE MATERIALS)**

14. What Court Heard Your First Appeal? \_\_\_\_\_

15. On Appeal Was Conviction:

Affirmed \_\_\_\_\_ Reversed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Decided: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Mandate: \_\_\_\_\_

Cite to Published Opinion \_\_\_\_\_

16. Was a Petition for Review with Washington Supreme Court Filed?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Granted? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Date Granted or Denied \_\_\_\_\_

17. Did the Washington Supreme Court Hear Your Case? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, was conviction Affirmed \_\_\_\_\_ Reversed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Decided: \_\_\_\_\_

Cite to Published Opinion \_\_\_\_\_

18. Was a Personal Restraint Petition (PRP), Habeas Corpus Petition, or other collateral attack filed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed:

Who Filed the Petition? You \_\_\_\_\_ An Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If an attorney filed your petition, please provide us the *attorney's name, address, and telephone number*:

What issues were raised in your PRP or Habeas Corpus Petition?

Has the Court Responded to your PRP or Habeas Corpus Petition?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

If Yes, Date Decided: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, What was the Court's Response? \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Case Materials**

*(Check those documents you can make available to us. Please do not send anything until we specifically request it)*

22. Hearing Transcript(s) \_\_\_\_\_

23. Trial Transcript(s) \_\_\_\_\_

24. Police Report(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please describe):*

25. Laboratory Report(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please describe):*

26. Appellate Briefs:  
Appellant's Opening Brief (defense) \_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Brief (prosecution) \_\_\_\_\_  
Appellant's Reply Brief \_\_\_\_\_  
Court of Appeal Opinion \_\_\_\_\_  
Petition for Review \_\_\_\_\_

27. Other Post-Conviction Documents: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please describe):*

**V. About You and Your Case**

28. What Is Your First Language?

I would be better able to answer this question if it were in the \_\_\_\_\_ language and I ask that you send me a questionnaire in that language.

29. What Is The Highest Grade Level You Completed In School? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Please Give A Brief Description Of Your Work History.

31. Does New Evidence Exist In Your Case That Would Lead To Proving Your Innocence? Describe. (Note: evidence introduced at trial is **not** new evidence).

32. Why Do You Think The Victim(s), If Any, Made Complaints Against You?

33. Can You Prove You Were NOT At The Scene Of The Crime When The Crime Was Committed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, how?

Can Anyone Else Verify This?

Do you have some OTHER way to prove this alibi? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, how?

34. Did The Police Or Investigating Detective Ever Interview You?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

A. How long were you interviewed? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Did you ask to speak with a lawyer during the interview? \_\_\_\_\_

35. When Was The First Time You Spoke With Your Lawyer After You Were Arrested?

36. Did You Give A Statement/Confession? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, To Whom Did You Give The Statement?

A. Was your lawyer with you when you signed the statement? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

B. Was it a written statement? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, did you sign it? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

C. Why did you give a statement?

37. Did You Plead Guilty? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU WENT TO TRIAL, please answer the following questions: (if you did NOT go to trial please go to question #45)**

38. Did You Testify? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why didn't you testify?

39. Did Any Alleged Victim(s) Testify? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

40. Did An Expert(s) Testify For The Defense Or  
the Prosecution? (Doctors, Scientists...) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

A. What Kind Of Expert(s) Testified For The Defense? (*Include Names,  
Addresses, & Telephone Numbers*)

B. What Kind Of Expert(s) Testified For The Prosecution? (*Include  
Names, Addresses, Telephone Numbers*)

41. Who Else Testified At Your Trial?  
Defense (*Name(s), Address, Telephone*):

Prosecution (*Name(s), Address, Telephone*):

42. Did Any Alleged Victim(s) Identify You? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, when and where? (*Example: At the scene of the crime, line up, in  
court, other*)

43. Did Anyone Else Identify You? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who, when and where?

44. If Someone Other Than The Alleged Victim  
Identified You, Did That Person Testify? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(*Name, Address, Telephone*):

45. What is the Race of the Victim(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial Description of the Perpetrator \_\_\_\_\_  
You \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU PLED GUILTY, please answer the following questions: (If you did not plead guilty, go to question #57)**

46. Did Your Attorney Talk To You About  
The Plea Agreement? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what did your attorney say to you?
47. If English is Not Your First Language, Did An  
Interpreter Explain The Plea Agreement To You? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
48. Did You Understand The Plea Agreement Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Did you understand the charges? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
B. What did the plea mean to you?
49. Was The Plea In Writing? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
50. If The Plea Was In Writing, Did You Sign It? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, was your attorney present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
51. Did You Understand What You Were Signing? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, what did you think you signed?
52. When Did You Go To Court And Plead Guilty?
53. Did The Judge Ask You If You Understood  
The Plea Agreement? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
54. Was Your Attorney With You In Court When You  
Pled Guilty? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, did you ask for your attorney? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
55. Did You Want To Plead Guilty Or Did You Want To Go To Trial?

56. Why Did You Plead Guilty?

57. Did You Know That You Could Attempt to Withdraw Your Plea? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, did you try to withdraw your plea? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**IF PHYSICAL AND/OR BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE WAS RECOVERED, please answer questions 58-76 as completely as you can: (If physical and/or biological evidence was NOT found, go to question 77)**

58. Was Any Physical And/Or Biological Evidence Recovered During The Investigation Of Your Case? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

59. Were Any Bodily Fluids, Hair Samples or Fibers Obtained From the Victim? (For example: vaginal or anal swabs, blood, or saliva) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what samples were obtained?

60. Were Any Bodily Fluids, Hair Samples or Fibers Obtained From You? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what samples were obtained?

61. Were Bodily Fluids, Hair or Fibers Found At The Crime Scene? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what was found?

62. Were Bodily Fluids or Hair Found On Your Clothing? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what was found?

63. Were Any Bodily Fluids Found On The Victim's Clothing? (For example: blood or semen stains) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, what was found?

64. Was Any Testing Done On The Bodily Fluids,  
Hair or Fiber Samples? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

65. What Kind Of Testing Was Done?

66. Who Had The Testing Done? Prosecution\_\_\_\_\_Defense\_\_\_\_\_

67. Who Actually Did The Test? (*Name, Address, Phone Number*)

**What Were The Results Of The Test?**

68. Was A Second Test Done? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

69. What Type Of Testing Was Done?

70. Who Arranged The Second Test? Prosecution\_\_\_\_\_Defense\_\_\_\_\_

71. Who Actually Did The Test? (*Name, Address, Phone Number*)

**What Were The Results Of The Test?**

72. Was Testing Done On All Of The Physical/Biological Evidence  
Recovered During Your Case's Investigation? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Was Anything NOT Tested?

73. Were The Results Of The Tests Used At Trial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, why not?

74. Were The Results Of The Tests Used After Trial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, why not?

75. List ANY Item(s) Of Evidence That you Think Can Be Subjected To A DNA Test (And how that test will show that you are innocent):

76. Would You Be Willing To Submit To A DNA Test Knowing That The Test Could Confirm Your Guilt Or Innocence? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

77. Would You Be Willing To Submit To A Lie Detector Test To Assist In Proving Your Innocence? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

78. Please Give Names, Addresses And Phone Numbers Of Family And Friends Who Have Information Regarding Your Case:

79. Is There ANY Other Information You Think Would Be Helpful For Us To Know About your Case?

## **This is the end of the Innocence Project Northwest Screening Questionnaire.**

- *Please check to make sure you have fully answered all questions that apply to your case.*
- *Attached is a **Consent for a Release of Information form**. Please **sign** the form and **fill in** the relevant blanks. This form will allow Innocence Project Northwest to contact your former attorneys, the police, witnesses, and other individuals who may assist us in proving your innocence.*
- *Please return your completed questionnaire and consent form by mail to:*

**Innocence Project Northwest Clinic  
University of Washington School of Law  
William H. Gates Hall, Room 254  
Box 353020  
Seattle, WA 98195-3020**

- *Please **do NOT** send IPNW any documents, other than the completed questionnaire and consent form at this time. We will ask you for further documentation when we deem it necessary.*
- *Thank you for your time and effort completing this questionnaire.*

*We will contact you as soon as possible.*



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## **CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize any and all entities and persons, including my former attorney(s)\_\_\_\_\_

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to release to The Innocence Project Northwest, or to its staff or student representatives, any and all records, files, reports, and information of any kind related to me or to any criminal case involving me.

I fully understand that there may be statutes, rules, and regulations that protect the confidentiality of some of the records, files, reports, and information covered by this release; it is my specific intent to waive the protection of all such statutes, rules, and regulations. By my signature below, I represent that this waiver is voluntary and given without any reservation.

Signed this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*