



## **INNOCENCE NETWORK UK (INUK)** **PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE**

**\*\*\* Please note:**

**1) This information will be used to help assess whether one of our affiliated Innocence Projects in Scotland might be able to assist you.**

**2) We may wish to use this information (which we will treat as confidential) for further research into wrongful convictions. If you do not agree to this, tell us on this form.**

**3) We ask you not to send us supporting documentation at this stage except for copies of the following if available:**

- **Trial judge's summing up of verdict**
- **Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission's Statement of Reasons**
- **Advice on Appeal**
- **Appeal judgment**

**4) Please attach additional sheets if necessary.**

### **SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Name:**

**Prisoner Number:**

**Address:**

**Home area (Town/City/County) before conviction:**

**Do you have links with any other areas of the country e.g. if you were born in a different area to the place you lived before your conviction? Please give details.**

**SECTION B: DETAILS OF CONVICTION**

**Crime of which convicted:**

**Location of incident:**

**Date of incident:**

**Date of conviction:**

**Court (e.g. Swansea Crown Court):**

**SECTION C: SENTENCE DETAILS**

**As a result of you conviction, were you sentenced to:**

Prison Yes / No

Psychiatric Facility Yes / No

Other (please state) .....

**If given a custodial sentence:**

a) Are you still serving out your sentence? Yes / No

*If 'no', what was your date of release? ..... (dd/mm/yyyy) |*

b) Length of Sentence:

*Tariff (if given a life/indeterminate sentence) .....*

c) Time already served:

d) Date of Parole Eligibility:

e) Category Status:

f) Do you have a scheduled parole or release date? ..... (dd/mm/yyyy)

g) Are you maintaining innocence? ..... (Yes/No)

h) Have you undertaken any offending behaviour courses? If so, please give details.

i) Have you undertaken any offence-related courses? If so, please give details.



## **SECTION D: OTHER DETAILS**

***\*\* The following information will assist us in writing to the relevant bodies, where necessary, to request that all exhibits, retained materials, samples, police records and prosecution papers pertaining to your case are not destroyed.***

**Police Reference Number (*this can normally be found in any correspondence from the police force*):**

**CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) Reference No. (*this can normally be found in any correspondence from the CPS*):**

**FSS (Forensic Science Service) Lab. Reference Number. (*this can normally be found on the top right hand corner of any forensic reports by the FSS, e.g. D/99/1234*):**

## **SECTION E: TRIAL DETAILS**

### **Part I: Prosecution's Case**

**Briefly describe the argument put forward by the prosecution at your trial:**

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**Please give details of evidence that was submitted by the prosecution at trial:**

a) Physical evidence (such as DNA, fingerprints etc):

b) Expert evidence:

c) Eyewitness Testimonies:

d) Testimonies by other prosecution witnesses:

e) Confession(s):

f) Others:

**Part II: Defence's Case**

**Did you plead guilty or not guilty at trial?**

**Briefly describe the argument put forward by the defence at your trial:**

**What evidence was submitted by the defence at your trial?**

a) Physical evidence (such as DNA, fingerprints etc):

b) Expert evidence:

c) Eyewitness Testimonies:

d) Testimonies by other prosecution witnesses:

e) Confession(s):

f) Others:

## **SECTION F: DETAILS OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

**Please list below, details of all solicitors who have worked for you at some point in your case:**

*Pre-Trial Solicitor*

Name  
Address

*Trial Solicitor*

Name  
Address

*Appeal Solicitor*

Name  
Address

*Name and address of any solicitor acting for you now, and, what are they doing on your behalf?*

## **SECTION G: APPEAL HISTORY**

**Have you had a first appeal or made an application for leave to appeal?**

Yes ( )                      No ( )

**If 'yes', was the appeal or application for leave to appeal against your:**

a) Sentence ( )      b) Conviction ( )      c) Both ( )

**If you have not applied for leave to appeal against your conviction, please state the reasons why not:**

**If you have had an appeal or if you have made an application for leave to appeal, please give the following details:**

a) Date of Appeal Hearing:

b) Outcome:

c) Reasons for Failed Appeal or Refusal for Leave to Appeal:

**Referrals to Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (SCCRC):**

a) Have you referred your case to the SCCRC?    Yes [on ..... (date)]                      No

b) If 'yes', what was their decision, and, did anyone help you to prepare this application?

c) If 'no', is anyone helping you now to prepare for the SCCRC? (Please give their details).

If your case was referred by the SCCRC to the High Court of Justiciary, what was the outcome?

**Do you have any ongoing or pending litigation or court hearings (e.g. judicial reviews etc.) at the moment? If so, please give details.**



## **SECTION H: REFERRAL TO A MEMBER INNOCENCE PROJECT**

***\*\*Please attach additional sheets if necessary.***

**Why do you think you were wrongly convicted of the crime (e.g. due to flawed expert/ forensic evidence; false allegations and/or poor defence etc.)?**

**Do you have an alibi or other evidence (whether used or unused at trial) that proves that you could not have committed the crime that you have been convicted of? If so, please provide details.**

**Is there any fresh evidence not adduced at your trial to indicate that you are innocent that was not put before the jury at your trial? If so, please provide details.**

**In what ways do you think the innocent project could best help you in pursuing your claims of innocence?**

**Is your case currently being looked at by other innocence projects/ universities/ other organisations? If so, please give details.**

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**Please tell us as much as you can about your claim of innocence (continue on a separate sheet of paper if you need more space).**

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## **SECTION I: PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS**

Please list all other offences that you have previously been convicted of:

## **SECTION J: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

It would help our records to collect the following background information. If you do not want to answer any of the questions, it will **not** exclude your case from consideration.

*Gender:*

*Ethnicity:*

*Nationality:*

*Date of Birth:*

*Relationship Status:*

*Children:*

*Previous Employment:*

*Have you suffered from any health complaints subsequent to the conviction? If so, please provide details.*



**SECTION K: DECLARATION OF INNOCENCE**

*\*Please read this carefully and sign it if you are happy with its content.*

**I, (NAME IN BLOCKS)....., declare that I am FACTUALLY INNOCENT of the crime(s) for which I was convicted of (i.e. I DID NOT DO IT AND HAD NO INVOLVEMENT AT ALL).**

**I understand that the Innocence Network UK (INUK) and its member innocence projects will decline to be involved or withdraw involvement from my case if any of the information I have so far given or will provide in the future is found to be untrue without any reasonable explanation.**

**I understand that the INUK and its member innocence projects will withdraw involvement from my case if new inculpatory evidence or evidence of guilt previously undisclosed by me emerges from their investigation that discredits my claim of innocence.**

**I understand that the INUK and its member innocence projects reserve the right to withdraw involvement from my case.**

**I understand that even if my case is deemed eligible, this does not mean that a member Innocence Project will definitely become involved in my case.**

**I confirm that all the information provided in the Preliminary Questionnaire is true to the best of my knowledge.**

Full name.....

Signed.....

Dated.....

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**SECTION L: LETTER OF AUTHORITY**

***\*Please read this carefully and sign it if you are happy with its content.***

I, (NAME IN BLOCKS)....., give permission for any information and/or case papers pertaining to my case to be released to the Innocence Network UK (INUK) at the following address:

*Innocence Network UK,  
School of Law, University of Bristol  
Wills Memorial Building,  
Queens Rd.,  
Bristol, BS8 1RJ.*

I give permission for any information and/or case papers pertaining to my case to be released to the INUK member innocence project that my case has been allocated to for further investigation.

I confirm that I am happy for the INUK to forward all my documentation and details to any of its member innocence projects for consideration with a view to take on my case for further investigation.

I am happy for the INUK to retain my information **INDEFINITELY** in its national database to be used for research purposes by member innocence projects and INUK researchers.

I am happy for you to discuss my case with my supporters/family/friends, namely (please list contact details):

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Full name.....

Signed.....

Dated.....

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**SECTION M: AUTHORITY TO PUBLICISE CASE**

INUK may want to publicise details about your conviction in an effort to raise public awareness of your claim of innocence and/or as part of INUK’s wider lobbying activities.

This includes (but is not limited to) publicising your case on INUK’s website, speaking about your case and/or passing on information about your case to the media.

Please be assured that if you choose **not** to give permission for INUK to publicise your case, this will **not** affect INUK’s assessment and investigation of your case.

I, (NAME IN BLOCKS)....., **agree** or **do not agree** for INUK to publicise details of my case.

Full name.....

Signed.....

Dated.....