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**CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT
APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

The Norfolk District Attorney's Office (NDAO) maintains a Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) and Conviction Integrity Committee (CIC) that examine colorable claims of innocence and wrongful convictions and issues concerning the integrity of current and prior cases prosecuted by the Norfolk District Attorney's Office. If you would like a case reviewed by the NDAO, the first step is to complete and submit this form. The form may be completed by the person convicted of the offense, that person's counsel, or another interested person. If the request is made by someone other than the person convicted or the person's counsel, the person convicted must consent to the request for review. Please complete the form as fully as possible. For more information about the NDAO Policy on Requests for Post-Conviction Review, please visit nfkda.com/conviction_integrity_unit.html

The CIU may accept and review colorable claims of actual innocence, claims of wrongful conviction, and claims of issues that may undermine the integrity of a conviction, including, but not limited to: issues arising from newly discovered evidence; cases wherein scientific testimony has since been discredited or disproven; and cases wherein a key witness has since been discredited. The CIU will not review a request for resentencing, nor will it review issues that were previously considered, litigated, and decided by a judge or jury in the original prosecution of the case.

PLEASE NOTE: If the person convicted is currently represented by an attorney, the CIU will communicate only with that attorney. The person convicted should consult that person's attorney prior to submitting this form.

Please complete the form as fully as possible and send copies of any documents that support your claims. **Do not send original documents or your only copy of any document.** These documents will not be returned to you.

Please submit the completed form either electronically by email to:

ndao.convictionintegrity@state.ma.us

or by mail to:

**Conviction Integrity Unit
Norfolk District Attorney's Office
45 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021**

Biographical Information of the Person Convicted

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Inmate Number (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address

Street: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

If form is not being filled out by the person convicted, please complete the below:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Relationship to person convicted: _____

Information About Conviction

Docket number: _____ Date of conviction: _____

Conviction obtained by: Guilty Plea: Jury or bench (judge-only) trial:

Charge(s): _____

Sentence: _____

Arresting/investigating police department: _____

Name of trial attorney: _____

Name of other pretrial and appellate attorneys:

Name of current attorney or screening counsel (if applicable):

If you have previously requested assistance from an innocence organization(s) (i.e. The Innocence Project, CPCS Innocence Program, etc.), please indicate below which organization and approximate date of contact:

 Date:

Information About Appeals

If there is an active appeal related to this case, please provide the following information:

Docket Number:

 Court:

Please list any prior appeals, including approximate dates of filing and docket numbers:

Basis For Review Request

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Are you claiming that you are **actually innocent of this crime?** This means that you were not involved in the crime at all. If so, explain why you are actually innocent.

Are you claiming that you were **wrongfully convicted?** This means the evidence and/or testimony against you was wrong or not reliable. If so, explain what that improper evidence was, and how it led to wrongful conviction.

Agreement to CIU Review

Please initial at the end of each statement to show that you understand and agree to the following:

- 1) I certify that all of the statements in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge _____
- 2) I acknowledge that knowingly providing false information will result in the rejection of my submission to the CIU. _____
- 3) I understand that the attorneys on the CIU are not my attorneys and cannot give legal advice. _____
- 4) I understand that I may be asked to cooperate with the CIU investigation, and that cooperation may include the CIU interviewing persons listed in the documents submitted or other persons pertinent to the investigation. The CIU may also seek to speak with the convicted person. _____
- 5) I understand the CIU reviews cases based on its own standards and may determine, at any time, that the case does not meet its criteria and reject my submission. _____
- 6) I understand that I have no right to appeal any decision by the CIU of my application. _____
- 7) I understand that this submission or any review will not extend the deadlines for any trial or appellate court claims or appeals. _____
- 8) I understand that I am providing information to a prosecutor's office and doing so voluntarily. _____
- 9) I certify that I/the person convicted consents to this review _____

I certify, by checking this box and entering my name below, that I have signed this document.

- I agree that checking this box has the same effect as, and is a valid substitution for, my handwritten signature. **(Use this option if submitting electronically.)**

Signature: _____

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last Name: _____

Date: _____