

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL MAIL

Thank you for contacting the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center (RMIC). RMIC is a private, non-profit organization that investigates prisoner claims of innocence.

Because RMIC has limited resources and relies mostly on volunteers, we can consider only a very small number of cases. In order for us to consider your case, **you must meet the following rules:**

- You must have been convicted of a *serious* felony in Nevada, Utah, or Wyoming.
- You must have *more than seven years left* on your prison sentence.
- Your trial and direct appeals must be finished.
- You must be completely innocent (*no involvement whatsoever* in the crime).
- Significant *new* evidence must be available to prove your innocence.

RMIC also cannot consider the following cases: cases of self-defense; cases of consensual sex; and cases in which you were convicted as an accessory or as a party-to-the-crime. If your conviction was child sexual assault, there must be DNA evidence available to help prove your innocence or the victim must have changed his or her claim against you. Also, RMIC cannot take your case if you are serving a lengthy sentence for another, unrelated conviction, and exoneration on the conviction for which you are innocent would not free you from prison.

In the event that you meet *all* of these criteria, please complete and return the enclosed “Screening Questionnaire” and “Waiver and Authorization For Release Of Records And Information.” **Do not send us any other documents or materials**, because we cannot look at them at this time or return them to you.

Because we get many requests for help, **it will take up to a year for us to screen your case.** If your case is accepted for investigation, you will go onto a waiting list until the other cases before yours have been investigated.

Please do not telephone or write additional letters asking about your case, because this will only slow down the screening process. We will contact you after we have screened your case. Thank you very much for your patience.

Sincerely,

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