

The Frederick D. Johnson Story

I am writing this letter as a vehicle of awareness and to request your/the public assistance in obtaining justice in my criminal case. My case involves a wrongful conviction due to corrupt police, and/or court officials.

I was convicted in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court of Ohio in 2011 on Drug Possession charges with a major-drug-offender specification, tampering with evidence, failure to comply, and weapons under disability resulting in a (32) year sentence for myself which at my age is essentially a life sentence, and (15) years for my co-defendant Brandi Watson.

The court arrived at this exceedingly disproportionate sentence despite the fact that all of the evidence provided by the prosecution was circumstantial and indirect. No drugs were found at my home, place of business, or in my co-defendant's vehicle.

Police could not identify me as being in the vehicle involved in the "high speed chase," nor could they place me at the scene of this crime. None of the officers involved could specifically identify me as being involved in any kind of drug trafficking conspiracy. Even the State's key witness, a confidential informant could not provide any first-hand information that I had done anything in this alleged conspiracy.

My trial attorney, Mark Lavelle failed to adequately represent me before and during my trial including failing to interview a vital alibi witness that could have exonerated me of any involvement in the high speed chase and drug, and gun evidence collected pursuant to that chase.

There is unrefuted proof that Ms. Watson (co-defendant) and I had been involved in an extremely emotional argument the day of the high speed chase and she testified at trial that I was not the driver of the car and that I had gone to Youngstown, Ohio that afternoon to stay with a friend- my alibi witness who was never called to testify.

Also, my prior criminal history was wrongfully used against me at trial and has completely thwarted my repeated attempts to assert my actual innocence in the matter at hand. Attorney Lavelle essentially sold me out.

To compound all of these issues, two of my appeals attorneys, (Scott Cochran) and (Neal Atway), who essentially took monies and ran were found to be at a later date under criminal investigation for intimidation, extortion, witness tampering, and making false statements to law enforcement...(See:<http://www.vindy.com/news/2014/mar/01/extortion-case>—lawyers-store-owner-face/ and you can also find this story at, Milliken@Cindy.com.

Another appeals attorney that's current did basically the same thing, but did just enough to say he did his job, is Michael A. Partlow, another corrupt attorney who took money and sold me out.

So, as you can see, I've been fighting an uphill battle to obtain justice. I could go on much longer explaining the many ways in which my rights were violated by corrupt police activity, legal counsel and others, but for the purpose of this letter, I wanted to give you a brief outline and again ask for your assistance directly, or indirectly with anyone of your associates who deals with State of Ohio wrongful conviction cases.

I also filled out an application in the presence of my Appeal Attorney Michael A. Partlow for clemency, and to my knowledge it was supposed to been submitted, but it's been almost 2 years without any response of any kind.

As I am presently incarcerated I have extremely limited financial resources which requires me to request your assistance pro bono. I have spent the last nine years in prison trying to prove my innocence. I pray that you or an associate can assist me in obtaining the justice and exoneration I deserve.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance in correcting this injustice.

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