

Sameech Rawls, JP-3087
SCI-Greene
Smart Communication/PADOC
PO BOX 33028
St. Petersburg FL. 33733

Greetings,

My name is Sameech Rawls and I am an innocent civilian that has been wrongfully convicted of crimes I emphatically did not do. I fully understand the overwhelming amount of claims such as this that your office must receive, and because of such, I would not dare waste your time. I declare that I did not commit this crime, nor did I have any participation in it.

This crime happened on July 3rd., 2006, at 9:30pm. A young man name Terrell Adams was shot one time in the chest and died as a result of it. His brother, Jonathan Adams was standing next to him and he too was shot. Jonathan survived. Another young man, Antonio Hernandez was also shot and survived.

On this night I was on 8th. & Cambria enjoying a small pre-4th. of July gathering with my girlfriend and her four children, her friend Amy and her child, my friend Tyrese (Twin), Tamika, and Steve. We were hanging out under this little tent we had and were smoking weed and drinking just chilling and watching the early fire works. We all stayed out past midnight. The kids got sent in and the grown ups stayed out a while longer until me and my girl went in and went to bed.

The state convicted me of one count of 1st. Degree Murder, one count of attempted murder, and one count of conspiracy. They proposed that I conspired with Ernesto Martinez to commit this crime. This event was said to be over some young girls fighting over a bike, and according to statements, they called a guy name Andiz Briggs to come help them. (N.T.-Direct pge. 111). Somehow this led to a clash between Briggs and the decedent. (N.T.-Direct pg. 252, 10-16). Jonathan Adams, the brother of the decedent, was standing next to his brother, and he too was shot. He gave a statement describing the shooter as "a black guy, light skin; about 22-23 yrs old, he

was about 6ft or 6'1 tall and he was heavy about 230-240 he had a little afro and a he had Sunni beard. He was wearing a black shirt and blue jeans." (Interviewed by Det. Rossiter/Centeno, Homicide division 7/26/06). He reiterated this description at trial. (Direct pg. 256, 6-7). However, this person is now "approximately about 265 pounds maybe." and "He was light-skinned as in Puerto Rican."

To my horror and shock, I was arrested and charged with this crime on September 5, 2006. If memory serves correctly, I was taken to court about 4-5 times but never got in. I was released after midnight on July 31, 2007. Mortified, I was rearrested 10 days later on August 10, 2007! Ive been fighting to prove my innocence ever since.

I had an evidentiary hearing on October 5, 2003, based on newly discovered evidence but was denied relief due to the witness only stating that he didn't see me on the scene and when he heard the shots he took off running. However, I received a letter from her after she completed her preliminary review of my H and DAO files that stated, " There was some indication that an informant may have been used. I found a handwritten "While You Weere Out" Note to Jack Rossiter (I have no idea who that is). It stated: Kennelly 2A 15th District (215) 669-4039 This 15th Dist. PO has an informant that can point out the doer on your 3rd and Indiana job," It was signed "Nate". Further, in her letter was a PP# identifying someone as "Doer - 3rd and Indiana PPN 1020061". I don't know if any of this information was ever turned over to my trial counsel, or if it was/is relevant to the truth. I do know that I have never seen or heard of this and feel strongly that there's fire where this smoke came from.

My trial began on November 30, 2009 and on the 5th. day there was a judicial break for reasons unknown that lasted for 17 days. Trial resumed on December 21, 2009, and went straight to deliberations. The jury had 2 request. They wanted to review the statement of defense eyewitness, Luis Rodriguez, who corroborated Commonwealth's Jonathan Adam's statement and testimony of who he saw commit this crime, but this request was denied. They also requested further explanation of 1st. & 3rd. degree, which was given.

With absolutely no nexus between Ernesto Martinez and I, or

any others beyond prior casual contact before this incident, it was only fabricated statements choking on inconsistencies implicating me. The only truth being spoken from the mouths of these individuals was that I knocked on their door after being asked if I shot somebody on 3rd. & Indiana by one of their friends who told me that they were saying that. I wanted to know if it was true and tell them to keep my name out of that because I had nothing to do with it. I was on the corner selling drugs and the girl name Tanisha came up and said, "Poo, why you out here and you done shot somebody?" I said, "What you say?" and she repeated it. I asked her what the F she was talking about, and she told me that La-La and them said I shot somebody on 3rd & Indiana two nights ago. At first I was like she lying because I know La-La. ~~asfiffl=~~ I went to her house to see for myself. The state attempted to introduce this as a threat and was admonished by the court, "Well, here's the situation. I don't see any-- you certainly can argue. You can certainly present to the jury what you believe the witness will testify to, but you may not use the term "threat" or "intimidation" because that's a jury question. So in other words--" (N.T. pg. 6; 17-23 Colloquy). I didn't make any threats towards anyone in that house. Yet, all of these girls later implicated me as being on the scene shooting, standing, running and shooting. Mind you, all of the alleged female witnesses make various statements but claim to have all been together. They said I was driving a black car, in the back seat of a black car with tinted windows, hanging from the window of the back seat, seen me with a gun on my lap in a black car. The kicker, the black car had tinted windows, its 9:30 at night, and NONE of them are claiming to have been on the corner where the incident is said to have happened. And, all of them left Ernesto Martinez and Andiz Briggs out of this matter until another eyewitness, Luis Rodriguez, came forward implicating the shooter and called their version[s] of events into question. That began their multiple statements.

My Direct appeal process has concluded and I am currently time barred. My new evidence is the letter from Teri Hinebaugh making reference to a "Note" by a police officer to another police officer indicating the identification of the 'Doer' of the 3rd. & Indiana homicide and gave a PP#. The files and notes I received show an

abhorrent level of shoddy police work, gross ineffective assistance of counsel, judicial abuse of discretion, and if the unnamed pages are those of the prosecution, prosecutorial misconduct for Brady violations and knowingly using perjured testimony.

I pray that I have said enough to move you to want to see more, and I pray to be one of the elite group of exonerees being walked out of prison by an innocent project.

Sincerely,

Sameech Rawls, JP-3087

Sameech Rawls

12-25-23