

# Innocent In Prison Project International

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Background information for falsely or wrongfully convicted prisoners who were sentenced to more than one year.

The Innocent In Prison Project International (IIPPI) is a medium, which supports errors of justice awareness. IIPPI illustrates cases of possibly false or wrongful convictions. Public documents, audio and video files enrich its website beyond detailed analysis.

IIPPI has been an informative and inspiring source to students, journalists, governmental officials, activists and others since 2004. IIPPI distinguishes between "innocent", "not guilty" and self-defense. Cases of prisoners, whose argumentation is based on legal technicalities only, are not published on the IIPPI website. The laws change, but actual innocence remains the same.

### **Definition: "Innocent"**

"Morally free from guilt, guiltless, free from the guilt of a particular crime or offense, a man [a person] is innocent of the crime charged." (Source: Webster's 1913 Dictionary)

### **Self Defense:**

"Force likely to cause death or great bodily harm is justified in self-defense only if a person reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm." (Source: Lectric Law Library's Lexicon)

**"Not guilty":** the person may have been present at the crime scene, but was neither the perpetrator nor an accomplice. A person is "innocent", when s/he is not only "not guilty", but not involved in any form or fashion at all.

**Credibility** is the "key number one" for gaining support. Thus, the following information will be useful in determining whether or not IIPPI can publicize a case of a prisoner on its website. On condition that you (the prisoner) are not serving time for a crime you are guilty of, make sure to **write in block letters** and send the **complete application** (see page 11) through regular mail to the mailing address below.

1. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Aliases: \_\_\_\_\_

Prisoner # \_\_\_\_\_ D. O. B. \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Were you a juvenile when the crime was committed? Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

3. a. What crime are you imprisoned for now? (charge and sentence)

Offense A: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense B: \_\_\_\_\_

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Offense C: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Are you guilty of any of these crimes? Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

4. Date of the crime(s): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of arrest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Explain delay, if there was any: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of indictment: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did you plead guilty (\_\_\_), did you have a bench trial (\_\_\_), or did you have a jury trial (\_\_\_)?

8. If you had a jury trial: Were you tried before your peers? Racial make up of jury (numbers, please):

Caucasian: (\_\_\_) Black: (\_\_\_) Asian: (\_\_\_) Native: (\_\_\_) Hispanic: (\_\_\_) Middle East: (\_\_\_)

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

9. How long did your trial last? Date(s) of trial:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Case number/ indictment number/ docket number: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Date and county of conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Date you entered prison: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Date(s) you appeared before the Parole Board in this case:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) you appeared before the Pardon Board in this case:

\_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for their denial: \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Your prior criminal history (misdemeanor and felony convictions):

Offense A: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense B: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense C: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense D: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense E: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Name, address, phone number and email address of person filling out this questionnaire (if the prisoner is a minor or illiterate):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Prisoner: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Defense Attorney (trial):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Law Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Defense Attorney (appeal):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Law Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Defense Attorney (post conviction):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Law Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Defense Attorney (current):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Law Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Prosecutor (trial):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

21. Prosecutor (appeal):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Prosecutor (post conviction):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

23. Prosecutor (current):

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Judge (trial):

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Judge (appeal):

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

26. Judge (post conviction):

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

27. Judge (current):

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

28. Police Department, Sheriff's Office and/ or other law enforcement organization that investigated the crime:

Department's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

29. Investigator(s) or Officer(s) who investigated the crime:

Investigator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

30. Location of the crime, including full address if available: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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31. Brief description of the crime (You might attach a detailed synopsis of your case):

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32. Name, address, age and race of the crime victim. Did you know the victim? What and how was your relationship to the victim?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Victim: \_\_\_\_\_

33. Brief description of the defendant's alibi (Where were you at, and what were you doing?):

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34. Name, address, phone number and email address of any alibi witnesses:

a: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

b: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

c: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

35. a: Did your alibi witnesses testify at trial? Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

b: If no, why did they not testify?

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

36. a: Are there witnesses who lied at the trial in order to implicate the defendant?

Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

b: If so, please, give names, phone numbers and addresses of those witnesses, if known:

a: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

b: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

c: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

37. What experts testified at trial?

a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

38. Did you testify at trial? Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

39. Briefly describe what evidence the prosecution used against you:

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40. Briefly describe the basis of your defense at trial:

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41. a: What evidence is available that proves the defendant is innocent?

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b: Is there evidence not previously presented or heard in your case, which is now available?

Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_) When and how was it obtained? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Was any evidence withheld from the defense attorney and/ or the defendant before trial? Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

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What was withheld? \_\_\_\_\_  
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42. a: Could forensic anthropology (\_\_\_), ballistics (\_\_\_), bite marks (\_\_\_), bloodstain pattern analysis (\_\_\_), DNA (\_\_\_), entomology (\_\_\_), luminol test (\_\_\_), polygraph test (\_\_\_), prints (finger-, foot-, ear-, voice-) (\_\_\_), trace evidence (\_\_\_), or other scientific evidence establish your innocence?

b: If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

43.a. What of the evidence was tested? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. What were the results? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. What was used at trial? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

44. a. Who identified you? \_\_\_\_\_

b. And how? Through a line-up (\_\_\_), foto array (\_\_\_), or show-up (\_\_\_)

45. a: What is the most plausible explanation for the crime, other than that the defendant committed it?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b: What evidence is there of this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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c: Are there alternative suspects? Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

Give names and other useful information about these suspects:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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46.a. Was the conviction appealed on time? Yes (\_\_\_) No (\_\_\_)

b. What grounds were raised? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. What was the basis of the denial of the appeal (and post-conviction motions)?

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47. See definitions on page 1 of this questionnaire! Are you innocent (\_\_\_) or not-guilty (\_\_\_) of the crime you are incarcerated for, or did you defend yourself (\_\_\_) ?

48. Any other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any further information to substantiate your claim of innocence, or if you were not provided enough space for your answer, please attach a neat and orderly summation following this questionnaire.

In order to avoid bad surprises, IIPPI needs **copies of everything (legal documents)**. Please enclose:

(1) **Arrest Warrant**

(2) **Investigative Reports (e.g. Police Reports, Medical Reports, Witness Statements)**

(3) **Indictment**

(4) **Plea Agreement** (if any was offered)

(5) **Opening and Closing Argument from Trial**

(6) **Sentence and Judgment Sheet**

These are the documents that have to be looked at first, then the remainder of the **Trial Transcripts**. As long as you do not have these documents at hand, do not contact IIPPI, please! IIPPI does neither have the time, man-power, nor access to obtain your legal records itself.

**Incomplete applications are not considered or answered!**

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## Authorization/ Agreement

I declare that all of the above and foregoing information is accurate. I understand that providing false information will result in my being rejected or being removed from the Innocent in Prison Project International website without further notice.

I authorize Katja Pumm to investigate and publish everything (including documents) she believes is necessary to understand, report and illustrate my criminal case.

I understand that the review of my case is not a guarantee for being featured on the IIPPI website. I am aware that Katja Pumm is not obligated to publicize my case.

I am informed that Katja Pumm does not communicate with me via third parties and that I have to write her directly in order to keep in touch for nothing but updates. If and when I am transferred to another location or facility, it is my duty to update my contact information on the IIPPI website.

I realize that objective media coverage and a campaign on my behalf are two different pairs of shoes. I see that IIPPI might put my case on the world wide web for anyone to read, but IIPPI is not involved in my campaign.

I know that my case (if approved) helps support errors of justice awareness. I agree to contribute to the cause with my case being published on the IIPPI website as long as the project is maintained by Katja Pumm or her successor(s).

Printed Name (applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

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If the prisoner is a minor:

Printed Name (guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (guardian): \_\_\_\_\_