

Information for Authors

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If you are an alleged innocent victim of a wrongful conviction, a family member, friend or supporter of an alleged innocent victim who has been rejected by the CCRC and want to write an article for CCRC Watch, please structure your articles as outlined below and send the proposed article to: empowerinnocent@gmail.com

If you would like some assistance with writing your article, just send an email to the same address and we can guide you through it.

Please be assured that CCRC Watch will also provide full editorial support to any article submitted and that we will not publish your article unless and until you are happy with it.

Personal information

1. Provide information of the name of the alleged innocent victim of wrongful conviction and their age;
2. The crime they were convicted of;
3. Where was it, the location of the alleged crime?
4. The date that they were convicted;

5. Which court?
6. What was the sentence?
7. If a prison sentence was given, how long was it, and state whether you are/the alleged victim is still in prison or if you/they have been released.

Trial details and evidence

1. What did the prosecution argue at the trial?
2. What was the evidence that was used by the prosecution to obtain the conviction?
3. What did the defence argue?
4. What evidence did the defence submit?
5. What is your argument for why the evidence that led to the conviction is wrong; why are you/the alleged innocent victim of wrongful conviction innocent?
6. Do you have an alibi or other evidence (whether used or unused at trial) that proves that you could not have committed the crime that you have been convicted of?
7. In this section, please go through each piece of evidence that was presented by the prosecution to the jury at trial and say why each piece of evidence is either wrong or unreliable.

CCRC

1. How many applications to the CCRC?
2. Provide a summary of the application(s) to the CCRC/what did you ask the CCRC to do?
3. Who at the CCRC dealt with your case; i.e. the name of the caseworker?
4. Why did the CCRC reject the application?
5. What are your thoughts on the CCRC's rejection?

Harmful consequences

- What are the harmful consequences of the alleged wrongful conviction on the alleged victim and more widely to family and friends?

Looking ahead

- What do you plan to do next to try to have your conviction overturned?
- What do you think needs to happen for your conviction to be overturned?