



## Innocent In Prison Project International

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

Background Information for Falsely Convicted Individuals

### 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: Letric 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.

IIPPI is not here to judge anybody and we do not reject **"not guilty"** prisoners. However, we distinguish between **"innocent"**, "not guilty" and self-defense on the IIPPI website. We do not assist wrongfully convicted individuals (who just argue about a lesser sentence)!

**Credibility** is the "key number one" for gaining support. Thus the following information will be useful to us in determining whether or not we can place a prisoner, who proclaims innocence, on our website. In case you cannot answer any of the questions listed below, please indicate who could provide us with the information (e.g., attorney, friend, relative, etc.) and give their name, phone number, postal address and email address. Please, make sure to **write in block letters and mail your reply to the head office above.**

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

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

**DOC #** \_\_\_\_\_ **D. O. B.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Race:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Relationship to Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Prior Criminal History:**

A: Offence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

B: Offence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

C: Offence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

D: Offence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What **crime** are you imprisoned for now?

**Offence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offence:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Full name, address, telephone number and email address of the **defense attorney**, who defended the convicted:

**Attorney Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

6. **Date, county and case number** of conviction:

• **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Case #:** \_\_\_\_\_

• **County of Conviction:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Date** of the crime:

• **Date of the crime:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. a. **Court** in which defendant was convicted:

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

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

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

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

b: How long did trial last: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Description of **sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

11. Name, address, telephone number and email address of the **police department, sheriff's office** and/or other law enforcement organization that investigated the crime:

**Department Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

12. Full name, rank, telephone number, postal and email address of the **investigator or officer** that investigated the crime:

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

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

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

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

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

13. Full name, address, telephone number and email address of the **prosecuting attorney:**

**Attorney Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

14. Full name, address, telephone number and email address of the **trial judge**:

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

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

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

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

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

15. Are you **presently represented** by an attorney? If yes, give contact information:

Yes : \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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17. Name, [address, if still alive], age and race of the **crime victim**, relationship to the victim:

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

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

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

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

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

18. Briefly describe what **evidence** the **prosecution** used against you:

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19. Briefly describe the **basis of your defense** at trial:

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20. 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** \_\_\_\_\_

c: Were there other **people**, who witnessed the alleged offence, **who were not interviewed, deposed or subpoenaed to testify at your trial?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

d: If yes, specify all known information about these people:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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21. a: Could **DNA, Brain Fingerprint testing** (new technology) or other scientific evidence establish your innocence?

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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22. Did you have a **jury trial**? Racial Makeup of Jury (numbers, please):

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**White:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Black:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Asian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Native:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hispanic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Middle East:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Others:** \_\_\_\_\_

23. Specify all **appeals** which you have taken and the grounds that were raised:

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24. Specify all **post-conviction relief proceedings** which you have instituted:

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25. Specify any and all **other proceedings** which you have been instituted:

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26. Brief **description** of the defendant's **alibi** (Where were you and what were you doing?):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. a: What is the **most plausible explanation for the crime**, other than that the defendant committed it? \_\_\_\_\_

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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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29. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

d: **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ - **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

30. a. **Are you innocent** of the crime you are incarcerated for? (see our definition above!)

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

b. **Any other comments regarding the case:**

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### Release of Information and Trust

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

I give my permission for Katja Pumm and the Innocent In Prison Project International (IIPPI) staff members, to investigate all information pertaining to my conviction(s) and sentence(s).

Besides, I have carefully read page 12 of this application form and I will keep it in my possession. I understand and agree with the policy stated therein in case my case will be approved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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.

IIPPI must be able to prove your innocence to place you on our website. Therefore we do need **copies of everything (legal documents) that corroborates your claim of innocence.**

Please also enclose: (1) **Arrest Warrant**, (2) **Investigative Reports (e.g. Police Reports, Medical Reports)**, (3) **Grand Jury Statement** [If this can be obtained; the reason is to see what evidence was presented before the grand jury to indict you.], (4) **Indictment**, (5) **Opening and Closing Argument from Trial**, (6) **Plea Agreement** (if any was offered), (7) **Sentence and Judgment Sheet**, (8) **Jury Verdict**. These are the documents that have to be looked at first, then the **Trial Records**. If you do not have these documents at hand, please contact the Prison Unit's Law Library to obtain these documents. We do neither have the time, man-power, nor access to obtain your legal records ourselves.

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



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### Dear potential IIPPI member,

Please, help with keeping your personal news forum and your contact address up to date, if and when you are approved! Notify me, when you have been transferred or shifted! I would also like to encourage your supporters to get involved in our project.

All prisoners appearing on the IIPPI website are required to pay a monthly fee of US\$ 3.00 or €2.00. US\$ 3.00 (€2.00) per month have been determined not to be unpayable by any prisoner who is committed and on the ball. The time has come for everyone to step up to the plate for IIPPI. If no payment is forthcoming, the prisoner risks to be taken from the active file and website. The posted messages on the personal news forum of the inmate would be gone forever.

We realize that prisoners do not have much money. This policy will require sacrificing by some just to pay the US\$ 3.00 (€2.00) each month. However, in the long run this sacrifice will pay off. Many voices are louder than just one.

Because IIPPI has not yet achieved formal incorporation status, primarily because of the costs involved, all fees and donations are understood as being offered as gifts to IIPPI. Yet do NOT make any financial contribution before your case has been approved, please!!!

### How to contribute?

Prisoners without outside contacts may send stamps.

I urge prisoners who have supporters in the free world to choose one of the following options:

- **PayPal:** If you want to donate via [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) send the contribution to [donations@iippi.org](mailto:donations@iippi.org). I personally prefer PayPal. It is easy, fast and secure.
- **International Money Order (IMO):** We only accept Euros. As of May 2000 International Postal Money Orders are not accepted in Germany anymore.
- **Cash Money:** Please, think about sending cash money by registered mail, if you choose this option so that lost mail can be tracked down.
- **Bank Transfer:** If you contribute via bank transfer from outside Germany, a bank fee is due. Please, inquire about this fee before transferring the money. Bank transfers within the European Union are charge free when you do a SWIFT-bank-transfer (which means you use IBAN and BIC)
- **Checks:** Banks charge a € 12.00 (i.e. more than U.S.\$ 15.00) fee per check from overseas. It is economic to accept checks only from Germany, unless it is a U.S.\$ 120.00+ check.

Please, make **IMOs** and **checks payable to Katja Pumm** and mail IMOs, cash money or checks to the IIPPI Head Office in Germany.

Your contributions pay for a lot of work -- an average of 70+ hours per case -- as well as for the maintenance of the growing website, stamps, paper, envelopes, ink, phone/fax/internet, expenses that are involved in the organisation of events, and merchandise for staff that make all this possible. We do not subject the visitor of the IIPPI website to the visual noise of blinking ads to gain some extra funds. We hope that one day IIPPI has the means to compensate at least a percentage of an expert's fee for the inmates.

All the best,

on behalf of the IIPPI staff:

Katja Pumm, Editor