

North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission Information

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Message To Send:

Dear Commissioner, I am writing to you because I am petitioning the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission's records policy regarding the commission's investigations into a convicted man or woman's claim of innocence. I am a listener of CounterClock Podcast and became aware of how the commission handled the investigation into the case of Clifton Eugene Spencer. (90CRS3137) It is my assessment that the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission needs to reform and change its stringent case confidentiality policies. I take issue with the fact that the commission's investigative findings in a case are not made available if the commission chooses not to present it to the judge panel for a hearing. (Commission's Governing Statute: N.C.G.S 15A-1468(a-m)). Your website claims that the commission is "independent and truth-seeking", yet unless a case makes it to the judge panel, no one, including a district attorney, can ever know the information staff uncovered in the cases reviewed. Please consider this message a demand for reform.