



Criminal Conviction Review Application

This application is issued by the [Conviction Integrity Unit \(CIU\) of the Department of the Attorney General](https://mi.gov/agciu) (mi.gov/agciu). Although the CIU will accept any writing that provides the necessary information, claimants are encouraged to use the CIU application.

Please carefully read the “Eligibility” and “Advice of Rights” sections below before you submit this application. You should only complete and submit the application after you have confirmed that you are eligible for review, and only if you are sure you wish to request a review by the CIU.

Please try to provide all the information requested by this application. Please type your answers or print them legibly in ink. If the space provided is not enough, please place your answers on a separate page and attach it to this application.

If your conviction arose out of Wayne County, and you have not already done so, please direct your inquiry to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, Conviction Integrity Unit.

ELIGIBILITY

Before you prepare this application, be sure that you are eligible for review by CIU. The Conviction Integrity Unit only will accept requests for review that meet all of the following standards:

- The conviction(s) must have been obtained by a prosecutorial agency in the State of Michigan. CIU does not review convictions obtained in any other State or in any federal proceeding.
- The CIU only will review a criminal conviction where the defendant claims that he or she is factually innocent of the offense of conviction. “Factual innocence” means that the defendant bore no responsibility at all for the offense. (Note: this is different than actual innocence which allows for legal defenses.)
- A defendant only may seek review from the CIU after a final judgment of conviction has been entered and a sentence has been imposed.
- A claim of “factual innocence” must be supported by new evidence that was not known to the judge or jury which returned the verdict of guilty against the defendant. This new evidence must provide a substantial basis to believe that the defendant is innocent, which generally means that the evidence exonerates the defendant from any criminal responsibility for the offense.

ADVICE OF RIGHTS

This application can be completed by a convicted defendant, by an attorney representing a convicted defendant, or by any person authorized by a convicted defendant to act on his or her behalf.

Further, if CIU engages in a review of the conviction, it is likely CIU may request additional information from the convicted defendant. It also is possible that CIU will request information from others identified as having relevant information, including any attorney who participated in the proceedings that led to the underlying conviction.

This application is not intended to convey legal advice. Nevertheless, any person who completes and submits this application should recognize that he or she has the right not to provide information to an agency of government about a criminal matter. By submitting this application, you acknowledge that any information you provide in this application is given voluntarily and that no promise or inducement has been conveyed to you, and you are providing information of your own free will.

Similarly, you acknowledge that in certain situations, CIU may request that you authorize the attorney who represented you in the criminal case to discuss with CIU the events that led to the conviction under review. CIU will not contact your lawyer unless you give written permission for such contact and CIU cannot require that your lawyer speak about your case without your permission.

CIU may consider your case even if you decline to provide all the information requested by CIU, or if you decline to authorize an interview of your attorney. CIU reserves the right, however, to consider such refusals when reaching its decisions and recommendations.

Contact Information

Name (as it appeared on the court papers in the case):

MDOC Number (if incarcerated within MDOC):

Address or Institutional Assignment:

Phone Number (if available):

Email (if available):

Are you presently represented by an attorney?

Yes **No**

Attorney's Contact Information:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Are you preparing on behalf of a convicted defendant?

Yes **No**

Your Contact Information:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Nature of Relationship (counsel, parent, wife, friend, etc.):

Persons who are not attorneys and who submit claims with CIU on behalf of a convicted defendant will be asked to provide a letter, signed by that defendant, which authorizes the person to file the claim and to receive information from CIU.

Conviction Information

Offense Date:

Conviction Date:

Sentence Date:

County (where convicted):

Case Number:

Name of Judge that led to the conviction:

Did the conviction arise from a plea or a trial?	<input type="checkbox"/> Plea <input type="checkbox"/> Trial
If from a trial, was there a jury?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Indicate the offense[s] for which you were convicted and the sentence[s] imposed.	
If you were convicted of multiple counts, are you now asserting that you are innocent of all those charges?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, specify the charges (or counts) for which you are innocent.	
Please briefly explain the prosecution's theory of the case. What does the prosecution claim happened? <i>Only use this limited space provided. Do not include any attachments.</i>	

Please briefly explain what you think happened. *Only use this limited space provided. Do not include any attachments.*

Please provide the docket (or case) number[s] for all direct appeals in the Michigan Court of Appeals or the Michigan Supreme Court.

If you know the citation for a published opinion that an appellate court issued in your case, please provide that citation. If you can, please provide a copy of any appellate decision[s] or order[s] issued in your case..

Other than your direct appeal, have you filed any other court challenge to your conviction?

(Motion for Relief from Judgment under the MCR 6.500, a request for federal habeas corpus relief, petition for DNA testing under MCL 770.16, etc.)

Yes **No**

Docket (or case) numbers for each filed court action:

Dates on which any court challenge was resolved:

Please provide copies of any order or decision issued in that case.

Provide a list of everyone who has investigated your claim of innocence. If known, please also provide their contact information.

Explain your claim of innocence.

Tell us about the new evidence which supports your claim that you are innocent of the crime[s] you were convicted of. You should discuss only the “new” evidence (which can include witness statements, forensic studies, etc.) that was not introduced into evidence at the trial level. Be specific: identify new evidence, explain how it shows that you are innocent, and tell us whether you have filed anything regarding this new evidence.

Does your case involve any of the following: (Check all that apply)		
DNA <input type="checkbox"/>	Fingerprints <input type="checkbox"/>	Ballistics <input type="checkbox"/>
Lie Detectors <input type="checkbox"/>	Arson <input type="checkbox"/>	Foot/Tire Marks <input type="checkbox"/>
Hair Comparison <input type="checkbox"/>	Bitemark <input type="checkbox"/>	Fiber/Thread <input type="checkbox"/>
Confession <input type="checkbox"/>	Eyewitness ID <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please indicate which materials and supporting documents you currently have: (Check all that apply)		
Police Reports <input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Examiner Reports <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lab Reports <input type="checkbox"/>	Transcripts <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other:		

Do not send any additional materials unless we specifically request that you do so. We cannot guarantee that documents submitted to this unit will be returned.

Send completed forms by email or mail.

- **Email:** ag-ciu@michigan.gov
Save a completed copy (PDF) and attach it to a separate email.
- **Mail:** send completed form to the address below.

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