

## **Statement from Attorneys for Terrance Williams**

"On behalf of Terrance Williams, we are pleased that Judge Sarmina has granted a hearing next Thursday to examine the evidence which was suppressed by the state regarding the true motive for the killing of Amos Norwood. The motive was not a robbery as alleged at trial but Mr. Williams' reaction to the years of abuse by Mr. Norwood and the violent rape by Mr. Norwood the night before the murder. Mr. Williams' co-defendant was aware of the true motive but testified that it was robbery in exchange for an undisclosed deal with the prosecutor to help him get early parole.

We are confident that a thorough review of the facts will make it clear that the jurors in this case did not have accurate and complete information about the crime or Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams suffered horrific physical and sexual abuse from a very young age and was sexually abused by the man he killed when he was just eighteen years old. Jurors in Mr. Williams' case were not told about that abuse and were misled about the actual motive for Mr. Norwood's killing. It is unconscionable that District Attorney Seth Williams, who considers himself an advocate and defender of victims of abuse, has allowed prosecutors to characterize the evidence in this case as a "gay prostitute rage defense." Courts have found that Mr. Norwood sexually abused Mr. Williams since the age of 13. This is simply shocking.

Jurors have submitted sworn affidavits declaring that, now that they know all the facts, they support life in prison without parole over the death sentence for Terry Williams. The victim's widow has also submitted a sworn statement that she supports life without the possibility of parole."

*Shawn Nolan, Attorney for Terrance Williams*  
*September 14, 2012*

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