The Connecticut Innocence Commission

November 28, 2006

James C. Tillman’s Timeline

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1-22-88: Crime reported
1-25-88: Victim identifies photo
1-26-88: Tillman arrested
9-19-88: Tillman convicted
12-21-90: Habeas
2-26-91: Outside laboratory
12-3-91: Conviction affirmed
Timeline

- 3-22-06: CT Innocence Project petition
- 5-17-06: CT Crime Lab exclusion
- 6-6-06: Tillman released
- 7-11-06: Charges dismissed

Photo ID
January 25, 1988

- 8 color photos
- Photo book
- Single B&W photo

Physical Evidence

- Victim’s black dress
- Victim’s black pantyhose
- Vaginal swab
- “Rape kit”? 
ABO Blood Typing
- Secretor vs. Non-secretor
  - Victim’s pantyhose
  - Tillman
- No DNA evidence at the trial

DNA Testing - RFLP
- 1991 RFLP
- Lifecodes
- No profile obtained

DNA Testing - STR
- 2006 STR
- A DNA profile obtained
- Did not match Tillman
Compensation

- Connecticut
- Federal
- Other states:
  - Alabama
  - California
  - District of Columbia
  - Illinois
  - Virginia

Closing