

December 4, 2023

Ms. Erika Reynolds
McLean County State's Attorney
104 W. Front Street
Bloomington, IL 61701

RE: McLean County, Illinois Case #98-CF-633

Dear Ms. Reynolds;

Important new evidence withheld from Barton McNeil in 1998 is attached in two signed affidavits by people willing to testify to the accuracy of its contents.

This new evidence is being sent to you pursuant to Ill. Sup. Ct. R. 3.8 "Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor". The Rule instructs your office to weigh this evidence and reverse the conviction and free the wrongfully accused as soon as possible.

This new evidence, all of which was previously shared with detectives, shows that alternative suspect Misook Nowlin threatened to murder both witnesses and another neighbor who confronted her just weeks before the murder. Further, the witnesses had inspected McNeil's apartment following her death and before detectives returned and made observations regarding the condition of her window and front lawn. One of the witnesses saw Misook casing the McNeil residence at night when McNeil was not at home in the week leading up to the murder. Finally, both witnesses saw Misook and her best friend, fellow Korean emigree Ms. Yuman Aldridge, a Red Lobster co-worker of Barton's at the time, at the murder scene asking questions of neighbors and what they knew at the time just hours prior to Misook being questioned by the police for her first time. An occurrence both Misook and Ms. Aldridge denied took place when asked by the authorities.

None of this Brady material was passed onto Barton and his counsel.

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This withheld information further supports Barton's innocence and/or supports his need to be ordered a new trial by the court. More evidence can be obtained if necessary. However, believe the attached two affidavits should be all that is required to show beyond any reasonable doubt Barton McNeil's innocence.

As McLean County State's attorney your office has the power alone to reverse the conviction of Barton McNeil based upon this new evidence. All prior new evidence previously dismissed should be re-weighed now in combination with it. Under Rule 3.8, this evidence must also be immediately brought to the attention of Judge William Yoder. This evidence must also be made available immediately to Barton McNeil's legal representatives.

The public is aware of the existence of this new evidence and eagerly awaits the State and court's use of it.

Ms. Reynolds, this day is an important turning point in resolving once and for all the People of Illinois vs. Barton McNeil murder case.

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Respectfully yours,

Thomas Patrick Gorman

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Mr. Kwame Raoul
Illinois Attorney General
306 N. Pulaski Road
Chicago, IL 60617

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Dear Mr. Raoul

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cc: Governor J.B. Pritzker

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Peoria County State's Attorney
324 Main Street
Peoria, IL 61602

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Mr. Charles M. Laegeler
Schuyler County State's Attorney
102 S. Congress Street
Rushville, IL 62681

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