



September 2016

You're Invited – “Bloodsworth: An Innocent Man” Screening

In support of international Wrongful Conviction Day, IIP is showing Exoneree Kirk Bloodsworth’s new documentary detailing his wrongful conviction and death row sentence for a horrific crime he did not commit.

Kirk, the featured speaker at our April Defenders of the Innocent Event, fought for his life until DNA proved his innocence.

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. (come hungry for movie snacks!)

Location: UIS Student Life Building at 2380 Theodore Dreiser Lane

(building #2 on map)

Take Action – Sign Pledge Calling for Exoneree Compensation

Innocent people leaving prison have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. They have no money, home, transportation, job or credit.

Illinois law allows some compensation to the wrongfully convicted but not enough to rebuild a life. Some exonerees like Angel Gonzalez have been waiting over a year for payments held hostage by the state budget crisis. (For more, listen to IIP Executive Director John Hanlon discuss Angel’s case and compensation battle.)

Illinois exonerees deserve fair compensation, services and an apology. Add your name to the innocence movement’s nationwide call for increased compensation for exonerees. Sign THE PLEDGE now!

Thank You to IIP Pro Bono Attorneys

Working in the background are outside attorneys who give countless hours of services – at no cost – to IIP cases, attorneys and students. We are thankful for the outstanding assistance of ...

Robert Barewin, private attorney, for ongoing representation of Joseph Horton in post-conviction proceedings in Champaign County, after favorable DNA results.

Steven Beckett, Director of Trial Advocacy, University of Illinois, College of Law, for representing Michael Slover Sr., coordinating representation of all three Slover defendants and assisting in the release of IIP Exoneree Teshome Campbell.

Donald M. Craven, *private attorney* and one of Illinois' foremost experts on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), for assisting FOIA compliance work with a State's Attorney's office.

Abby Sgro, *attorney, Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes*, for providing critical legal assistance and working to broaden community support for the Project.

IIP Orientation Kicks Off Fall Semester with UIS Students

IIP is the only innocence project nationwide to be located at an undergraduate university, the University of Illinois Springfield. Students conduct research, and review and present cases, under the direction of IIP staff attorneys.

Here, Ronda Anders (at right), IIP Legal Assistant, overviews IIP's casework process with new and returning students and volunteers.