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Dear Mr. George Barwood.
Good morning Sir!

My name is Jerry Hammond the individual that my Sister's Alice J. McIntire and Jeanette Thomas (been communicating with you by E-mail or etc.) trying to help me seek some legal assistance to help me fight for my freedom, as well prove my innocence.

Mr. Barwood, the purpose of this communication is to seek your professional assistance in helping me obtain some type of relief from my unconstitutional conviction and sentence.

Mr. Barwood, it maybe informative for you to know that I have currently served over twenty seven (27) years on my conviction with an excellent institutional behavior record.

I was originally charged with Capital murder in 1988, but later entered a plea of guilty to solicitation to commit a controlled substance ~~crime~~ crime. Because the reason for the plea bargain the court appointed lawyer that were representing me at the time told me that since I was a black man and with no money if I take the Capital murder case to trial the

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jury of the twelve (12) white jurors would most definitely would without a shadow of doubt find me guilty and sentence me to death by electric chair.

So I accepted the plea for (18) years and while I was serving the sentence an inmate by the name of Jackie McLeod that was in jail with me at the time took it upon himself to file a habeas corpus petition in my behalf and forged my signature to the petition.

Which the petition was later granted and I was brought back from prison to stand trial for the original charge that I was indicted for in the beginning which was capital murder.

In 1990 I was tried on the capital charge and was sentenced to death, that conviction was reversed for a new trial. See *Hammond v. State*, 665 So. 2d 970 (Ala. 1995). I was tried and convicted a second time, which also was reversed for a new trial. See *Hammond v. State*, 776 So. 2d 884 (Ala. 1998). I was tried a third time and was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life without parole, this conviction was affirmed in 2004.

Since my conviction I have filed several state post conviction challenges, including a motion for Post conviction DNA testing.

but all to no avail. Now, I am in the process of seeking further post conviction review and need professional help in order to be heard.

I am actually innocent of capital murder and I know with professional help I can obtain relief. I have most of my records and transcripts

anyway thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and I pray you will be able to help me.

Respectfully
Jerry Hammond