

DEATH-ROW INMATE SEEKS DNA TESTING FROM ALABAMA GOVERNOR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 EXECUTION

Atmore, AL, September 12, 2007 - Tommy Arthur, a death-row inmate scheduled to be executed on September 27, 2007, sent this letter today to fellow Americans pleading for help.

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My Fellow Americans :

In two weeks, I will be executed for a crime that I did not commit. I wanted to share with you my experience before it is too late. While I hope that none of you will ever go through what I have, I think you will be outraged by what has happened to me.

I have spent over two decades of my life in prison after being convicted of murdering Troy Wicker at his home in Muscle Shoals. I am very sorry that Troy is dead and my heart goes out to his family, but I did not kill him. No physical evidence linked me to his murder. The prosecution's star witness was Troy's wife, who had already been convicted of this crime and received a life sentence. At her own trial, she testified that a burglar assaulted her and shot Troy. At my trial, she changed her story and accused me of pulling the trigger. While I'm here in prison fighting for my life, she was released early and is enjoying her freedom.

After I was convicted, an alibi witness confirmed that I was in Decatur on the morning of the murder. And now all I am asking for is DNA testing on physical evidence, including a rape kit, which could prove that a burglar committed rape and then killed Troy. Although DNA testing has never been done in my case, my lawyers have offered to pay for testing and one of Troy's sisters supports DNA testing, Attorney General Troy King has refused to allow any DNA testing in my case. I have also asked Governor Riley for DNA testing, and I hope and pray that he does the right thing.

If the State of Alabama is so sure that I deserve to die for killing Troy, why won't they allow DNA testing? Why are they afraid of the truth? The people of Alabama deserve to know the truth. Whether you think the death penalty is right or not, I think everyone would agree that everything possible should be done to make sure that someone put to death is actually guilty of the crime. I did not kill Troy, and there is a way, DNA testing, that can help me prove it.

Unless you stand up and protest this injustice, the State of Alabama will execute an innocent man. I have not been able to get any relief from the courts because I missed a filing deadline that I didn't even know about and I didn't have any lawyers at the time to help me, and because the courts say that my request came too late.

If you believe that I deserve a real chance to prove that I did not kill Troy before I am executed on **September 27, 2007**, please contact Governor Riley (www.governor.state.al.us), Attorney General Troy King (www.ago.state.al.us), or Alabama state representatives (www.legislature.state.al.us) and tell them that DNA testing should be allowed in my case. For further information about my case, please visit www.ThomasArthurFightForLife.com.

Sincerely,

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