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Freedom? After Ten Years of Wrongful Imprisonment, Tomorrow Michael Clancy Learns His Fate

People v. Michael Clancy

New York, March 31, 2008: For the last decade, **Michael Clancy** has been imprisoned for a murder he did not commit. On **Tuesday, April 1**, Mr. Clancy, with his attorneys **Ron Kuby** and **David Pressman**, will appear in Bronx County Supreme Court for the Court's decision on their motion to vacate Mr. Clancy's conviction.

Mr. Clancy was convicted on November 23, 1999 of the 1997 murder of John Buono. Clancy was sentenced to twenty-five years to life imprisonment on January 31, 2000.

The Court's decision tomorrow follows argument over the candid, credible, and compelling testimony of David Prieto, a former federal informant and an eyewitness to the March 30, 1997 murder of Prieto's friend, John Buono. Mr. Prieto repeatedly told various prosecutors at various points that he had information about the man actually responsible for the Buono killing. However, these leads were never pursued by the authorities and Prieto's precarious personal situation—at one point, facing the death penalty—prevented him from personally testifying on Mr. Clancy's behalf. Mr. Prieto ultimately came forward and testified at an evidentiary hearing late last year.

“Michael Clancy has spent the last decade imprisoned for a murder he did not commit. David Prieto was offered nothing in return. He came forward to, in his words, ‘make it right.’ It is now the Court's turn to ‘make it right.’ It is time for Michael Clancy to be freed at long last,” attorneys Kuby and Pressman said.

It is expected that the Court's decision will be announced on **Tuesday, April 1** at the Supreme Court of New York, Bronx County, 265 East 161st Street, Courtroom 360, before Hon. Denis J. Boyle, at approximately **2:15 p.m.**

Background on our representation of Mr. Clancy can be found via links on our website www.kubylaw.com.

Copies of the documents filed in support of Mr. Clancy's motion to vacate his conviction are available upon request.

Mr. Kuby, Mr. Pressman, and (if freed) Mr. Clancy will be available for comment following the Court's decision.

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