

Press Release

FIEGER LAW FILES \$100 MILLION DOLLAR WRONGFUL CONVICTION LAWSUIT

On May 23, 2023, Fieger Law filed a lawsuit on behalf of Gilbert Poole, who was wrongly convicted in 1989 of the tragic murder of Robert Mejia. The Government charged Gilbert Poole for the murder and the jury convicted him on the false testimony and fabricated evidence.

Gilbert Poole spent over 31 years in prison for murder that he did not commit. He was ultimately determined to be completely innocent of the crime with the assistance of the Innocence Project and was completely exonerated on May 26, 2021. The investigation and prosecution leading to the conviction were based on false testimony, fabricated evidence and junk science.

James Harrington of Fieger Law stated:

“Mr. Poole’s life, liberty and freedom were stolen from him. He did not have a choice. He spent 31 years locked in a living hell for a crime he didn’t commit. Fortunately Mr. Poole was fully exonerated and can begin to repair his life.”

The City of Pontiac and the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office, through their respective agents, were deliberately indifferent to Gilbert Poole’s constitutional rights which resulted in the wrongful conviction. The policies, procedures, training and supervision (or lack thereof) of The City of Pontiac and Oakland County were a moving force behind the constitutional violations. This lawsuit seeks to remedy those constitutional rights that were violated and the injustice of 31 years in prison for a crime he in fact did not commit.

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