

# MANIFEST INJUSTICE

## I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A part of jails, prisons and the judicial system has to do with the awful suspicion of a wrongful conviction. Some call it a "miscarriage of justice" while others call it a "Failure of justice". While we may sit back and talk about it, do the circuit courts actually care about wrongly convicted people? In Florida, judges will hand down a life sentence to you just because you were with someone who committed a arm robbery or murder. If you didnt pull the trigger, why a life sentence. My situation is a little different.

On January 17th, 2020 a central Florida appellate court panel of judges ruled my case a manifest injustice. Its rare for a court to admit they were previously wrong and an injustice has occurred. Usually in Florida, a manifest injustice ruling happens every few years out of thousand of appeals. Defense attorneys consider the rulings "unique" or "special". while prosecutors hate every inch of the word. For me it all started back in 1999. I was 19, ignorant, foolish and involved in illegal activities. Eventually I was arrested and charged with murder. I did not accept any plea offers and decided to proceed with a trial. The prosecutor did not disclose that the chief medical examiner she was utilizing to testify against me, was under investigation for botching autopsies. Google, "Lost, mishandled evidence means new appeals". Ofcourse, due to this crooked doctor, I blew trial. In 2001 I was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. We call it, "slow death". After my trial, this doctor became the hardest disciplined chief medical examiner in Florida history. Google, "State to Gore: Do no autopsies". Coming from a poor family, I was unable to hire an appellate attorney who would have given me a big chance at a new trial. Instead, I PRO-SE appealed and lost all the way through the federal courts. Not knowing I had solid issues for a new trial. I was forced to move on my own. By 2006-07-08 I paid experts, private investigators and attorneys. In 2010 the attorney I hired filed a actual innocence motion with the autopsy report performed by the former deputy chief medical examiner. I was denied in court. In 2013 a Former Professor also performed a autopsy and concluded me innocent. I filed another motion and was denied in court.

In 2014 an appellate court reversed the case to the lower tribunal in order to allow the Professor medical examiner to testify as to the true cause of death. However, the Professor passed away prior to the hearing and I was denied again. In 2018 my attorney filed a motion alleging an injustice has occurred because I have proven my innocence twice and I'm still incarcerated. In 2020 the appellate court agreed. Due to COVID-19 the June 1st, 2020 and the January 21st, 2021 were re-set. On May 6th, 2021 the former deputy chief medical examiner finally testified at the evidentiary hearing as to the cause of death and as to how the original doctor botched the autopsy. Today is June 13th, 2021 and I am in the county jail awaiting for the judge to decide whether to grant a new trial or send me back to the appellate court.

## II. PRISON HISTORY

Throughout almost 22 years of incarceration, I have witnessed plenty of police brutality, government corruption, violence and so much more. Through out it all I managed to educate myself by earning a General Education Diploma, (GED), Associate in Psychology, Health awareness diploma, Certification in Entrepreneurship, Facilitator certification, Teacher assistant certification, (ETA), Religious diplomas and I am a published author. G.K. VEGA. (The little Boy who was different, and, Guilty By Corruption: The dark side of the sunshine state.)

The prison system in Florida over the years has become more violent and dangerous. Shortage of staff, unprofessionalism and hate the officers display makes the prison environment worse. Some prisons are out of control and officers carry shanks in their pockets in case of an attack. The Florida Department of Corrections has been unsuccessful when it comes to dealing with the violence appropriately. Officials talk a good one on TV but in the prisons its a whole different world. Men are still being raped. Men are walking around like zombies due to the new synthetic drugs. The following are a few things that should help in making prisons more productive.

- A. Separate the inmates who want to educate themselves from the inmates who choose to live foul.
- B. Way more educational classes. Degrees, Certifications, etc...
- C. Make money by selling different clothing, shoes and food. Utilize the money to better pay staff.
- D. Better visitation with relatives
- E. House inmates within 180 miles from their county of commitment.
- F. Parole or early release programs would better encourage inmates to behave
- G. Recreation will make a man tired. Some prisons go months without any recreation. (Sports)
- H. Lower the phone fees.
- I. Allow more pastors, volunteers and counselors to enter the prisons and provide services
- J. Drop the 85% of minimum sentences committed to 65%. Provide good time for completions of educational programs.

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