Free Wilbert Gay, Jr.

Location **Tennessee** https://www.genclassifieds.com/x-331339-z



Thanks for responding to our ad. The Justice for Wilbert Gay, Jr. Committee was formed to secure Wilbert Gay's freedom. Wilbert is a 58 year old Philadelphia man, who has been incarcerated for over 35 years. We are struggling to get Pennsylvania to give him the opportunity to appeal his 1978 conspiracy to commit murder conviction, which is his right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

Additional details about the railroading of Wilbert Gay, Jr. by the Pennsylvania criminal injustice system can be found on our moveon.org petition. We ask that you please support our campaign by signing our online petition at:

https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/justice-for-wilbert-gay?source=s.icn.em.mt&r_by=12090685

Thanks, Cleve Parmer Justice for Wilbert Gay, Jr. Committee

PS: The movie, "The Thin Blue Lie" is about the same Philadelphia homicide unit that interrogated Wilbert Gay, Jr., beat him and forced him to sign a statement. At Wilbert Gay's preliminary hearing (aka probable cause hearing) for the murder and conspiracy charges, the presiding judge, initially stated that additional evidence was required to hold Gay for trial. The basis for the judges' statement was Pennsylvania's Corpus Delicti Rule, which states:

"Pennsylvania courts apply the rule that "a criminal conviction may not stand merely on the out of court confession of one accused, and thus a case may not go to the fact finder where independent evidence does not suggest that a crime has occurred." Commonwealth v. Edwards, 521 PA. 134, 144, 555 A.2n 818 (1989) Commonwealth v. Byrd, 490 Pa 544, 566, 417 A.2d 173, 179 (1980). As stated by our Supreme Court.

In a word, out of court confessions and statements are inadmissible in a court of law unless there is independent evidence that shows that the crime or crimes have been



