

Young Lawyer Wrongfully Imprisoned For 40 Years



Charles (Zeke) Goldblum
1976



Charles (66) with Evelyn (91)
Goldblum August 2015

Charles (Zeke) Goldblum [Pennsylvania prisoner number AP 2904]

- Incarcerated since 1976 for first degree murder
- Denied parole and clemency on multiple occasions
- Aged 66, walks with a cane, thoracic surgery in 2013
- Exemplary behavior as prisoner
- Repeatedly supported for clemency by prison superintendents

COMPELLING EVIDENCE FOR INNOCENCE

- In his Dying Declaration on Feb. 9, 1976, the victim, George Wilhelm told the police officer: **“Clarence -- Clarence Miller did this to me.”**
- ***Blood spatter evidence on car dashboard conclusively indicated that the stabber (Clarence Miller) was in the front passenger seat. Goldblum was sitting in the back seat.***
- ***The black vinyl gloves with blood stains that were recovered from the parking garage, were linked through forensic analysis only to Clarence Miller via hairs taken from inside the gloves.***
- ***Miller admitted to police and in his testimony to throwing his bloodied topcoat in to a city garbage truck on the morning after the killing. The absence of blood on Goldblum’s clothing, plus Miller’s admission that he disposed of his topcoat which was stained with blood from Wilhelm, cannot be overlooked.***
- ***Miller had scratch marks on his face, forearms, wrists, and hands, indicating that he had been in a physical struggle (with the victim Wilhelm). Goldblum had no scratches or bruises.***
- ***In the early 1990’s, Goldblum’s defense counsel requested that the Pittsburgh Police produce its files, records, and photographs relative to the death of George Wilhelm. The City responded that ALL three copies of the in-depth police case-files and photographs were MISSING. In addition, separately maintained files in the Mobile Crime Unit AND in the Police Photo Lab were ALSO MISSING. In Jan. 1996, Goldblum’s lawyers requested a copy of the Coroner’s file. They were informed that both copies of the entire Coroner’s file were ALSO MISSING. Furthermore, what would have been the KEY PIECE of exculpatory evidence in Goldblum’s favor, the dashboard photos showing the directional blood spatter, previously seen by both the police and prosecutor, INEXPLICABLY were MISSING at the trial.***
- ***Three days after Clarence Miller was arrested on Feb. 13, 1976, he failed his first polygraph about his involvement in the murder. The police still accepted the lies he told them. After a 2nd polygraph, three months later on May 15, 1976, Miller confessed to being involved in the murder. On May 25, 1976, Miller was given a 3rd polygraph concerning his story about the arson. He failed. INEXPLICABLY, both the 2nd and 3rd polygraphs were NOT recorded in the Master Polygraph Log as required by police procedures. Furthermore, the existence of ALL three polygraphs and their reports were NOT disclosed and NOT turned over to Goldblum’s trial defense team. ONLY the police and the prosecution were aware of Miller admitting to the murder when he confessed to the police polygraph operator just after the May 15 polygraph, but they still permitted him to testify at the trial that he was not involved in the murder. As such, at the trial, the prosecution knowingly permitted the presentation of false and perjured testimony regarding Miller’s involvement in the murder, while the defense had no basis on which to claim that Miller had perjured himself because NONE of the polygraphs or reports had been disclosed to them.***

- Judge Donald Ziegler (original trial judge): Pgh. Post-Gazette, (Feb. 1995):
“This is the one case in 21 years [as a judge] which seriously troubles my conscience about the result.”
“The victim knew that he was dying, and he never mentioned the name of Charles Goldblum.”
- Judge Donald Ziegler (original trial judge) Letters to the Board of Pardons, (Jan. 1989 & Jan. 1994):
“I have been troubled for years by the dying declaration of the victim ‘Clarence – Clarence Miller did this to me.’” *“It is a moral and legal precept that a person is presumed to speak the truth when he is faced with death. The victim knew that he was dying, and he never mentioned the name of Charles Goldblum.”*
- Judge Donald Ziegler (original trial judge) Letter to the Board of Pardons, (Dec. 1998):
“...the dying declaration, namely, ‘Clarence – Clarence Miller did this to me,’ is the most unique dying declaration I have encountered...”
- F. Peter Dixon (original trial district attorney): Affidavit, (June 1998):
“...a miscarriage of justice has occurred.” *“Based on my review of the trial and the information which has been available since the trial, I have come to the very firm conclusion that Charles Goldblum had nothing to do with the murder of George Wilhelm ...”*
- F. Peter Dixon (original trial district attorney): (After an extensive review of the trial transcript and investigative material) In testimony at Board of Pardons hearing, (1999):
“I am convinced that Charles Goldblum did not participate in any active way, in the murder of George Wilhelm.” *“...not only did [Goldblum] not have any motive or nothing to gain from the murder, but he also did not receive a fair trial.”*
- Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht: Affidavit, (Feb. 1996):
“Based upon my review and analysis of the autopsy report prepared by this office on February 10, 1976, numerous police and other investigative reports and statements and various court documents, I have concluded to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that Mr. Goldblum was not the individual who inflicted the fatal stab wounds to Mr. Wilhelm.”
- Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht regarding the missing of both sets of coroner files: Letter to brother, David Goldblum, (Nov. 2004): *“I do not believe, for one moment, that the missing files were happenstance. Quite simply, both files were stolen from this office for purposes known only to the thief, but most likely to prevent my administration or any other person or agency from scrutinizing any misconduct, which had most likely occurred in this case.”*
- Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht regarding seized clothing: Affidavit, (Feb. 1996):
“Mr. Wilhelm’s blood was not found on the clothes seized from Mr. Goldblum.”
- Allegheny County Coroner Joshua Perper: Letter to Mr. James Villanova, Esq., (May 2013):
“...a clear miscarriage of justice.” *“It is my professional opinion that within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that Mr. Goldblum did not commit the stabbing assault of Mr. George Wilhelm ...”*
- Michael M. Baden, MD, NY Medical Examiner: Letter to Mr. Lee Markovitz, Esq., (Nov. 2001):
“It is my opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that the circumstances, autopsy report, and laboratory findings indicate that Miller was the stabber and not Mr. Goldblum.”
- Henry C. Lee, Ph.D., Director, Forensic Research Training Center: Report to Rhoda Neft, Esq., (Feb. 1997):
“Based on my review... it is my opinion to a reasonable degree of forensic certainty on the basis of evidence available, that Mr. Goldblum was not the individual who inflicted the fatal stab wounds ...”

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