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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. James R. Glasgow
Will County State's Attorney's Office
57 N. Ottawa Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432

Re: *People v. Chester O. Weger*, Case No. 60-CF-753

Dear Mr. Glasgow:

I am hereby - once again - formally requesting that the Will County State's Attorney's Office vacate Chester Weger's conviction for the murder of Lillian Oetting. In addition to all of the overwhelming evidence we have already submitted to you that proves Chester's innocence, we have now received new powerful and credible forensic evidence that conclusively and undoubtedly proves Chester's innocence.

As you know, Othram has conducted genetic genealogy testing on one of several hairs that were found on the left index finger glove of Frances Murphy. The results of that testing have determined that this hair originated from one of four brothers who were local to the Starved Rock area. We have already provided you with the names of those four brothers. The only explanation for this hair being found on the finger of Frances Murphy is that this person was involved in the murders. And the fact that the hair had a root and follicular material on it is consistent with the hair being yanked out by Mrs. Murphy during a violent struggle. Regardless of which brother is ultimately determined to be the source of this hair, this genetic genealogy result conclusively proves, today, once and for all, that Chester Weger is innocent.

It is time to correct this decades old wrong. Time is of the essence, as Chester is 84 years old. It's truly a miracle he is still alive after all he has endured the past six decades. Chester should be allowed to spend this Christmas with his family knowing that he has finally been exonerated.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Hale

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