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## **WRONGFULLY CONVICTED MAN WILL WALK OUT OF PRISON AFTER 19 YEARS**

### **NEW EVIDENCE REVEALS FORMER NYPD OFFICER (UNDER INDICTMENT FOR MOB-RELATED ACTIVITIES) PRESSURED EYEWITNESS TO FALSELY IDENTIFY BARRY GIBBS**

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**RELEASE:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
10:45am Brooklyn Supreme Court  
Courtroom of Judge Michael Gary, 18<sup>th</sup> Fl., Room 18.21  
(*no statements at courthouse*)

#### **PRESS**

**CONFERENCE:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
3:00pm The Innocence Project, 100 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
at 15<sup>th</sup> St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
With Mr. Gibbs & IP lawyers, Barry Scheck and  
Vanessa Potkin

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The Innocence Project and the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office will present Judge Gary with an extraordinary motion to vacate Mr. Gibbs' murder conviction. Judge Gary is expected to grant the motion and order his immediate release.

Mr. Gibbs has always maintained his innocence since his 1986 arrest. He was convicted of the murder of a Brooklyn woman, whose body was disposed of near the Belt Parkway. Despite a five-year search by the IP, DNA evidence that could prove his innocence has never been found.

After former NYPD officer Louis Eppolito, an officer in the Gibbs case, was indicted for taking part in mob-related murders (some of which occurred on the Belt Parkway), the IP asked federal and state authorities to investigate. That investigation uncovered the new evidence leading to the motion to vacate Mr. Gibbs' conviction.

The Innocence Project thanks the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Roslynn R. Mauskopf, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Henoch, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes and Kenneth Taub for the integrity and professionalism they have displayed throughout the re-investigation and resolution of this case.