

# Timeline of Efforts to Locate Evidence in the Alan Newton Case

<b>MAY 1985</b>	Alan Newton convicted.
<b>AUGUST 1994</b>	Newton files a <i>pro se</i> motion in state court requesting DNA testing.
<b>NOVEMBER 1994</b>	ADA John F. Carroll responds to August 1994 motion that evidence was never returned to the District Attorney's office or the NYPD Property Clerk's office. Carroll states that "extensive searches were conducted" at the NYPD Property Clerk's office in the Bronx, but physical evidence was not located.
<b>OCTOBER 1995</b>	Newton files a <i>pro se</i> habeas corpus petition in federal court requesting DNA testing.
<b>APRIL 1997</b>	ADA Robert Moore says in a letter that according to a representative from Pearson Place, the rape kit and other evidence "were not found at that location following a search on this date."
<b>JULY 1998</b>	Newton files a new motion for DNA testing in state court under the new post-conviction statute.
<b>AUGUST 17, 1998</b>	ADA Rafael Curbelo responds to Newton's new motion. He writes that based on "numerous conversations" with representatives from Pearson Place, no evidence (including the rape kit) could be located.
<b>AUGUST 17, 1998</b>	Sergeant Patrick J. McGuire of Pearson Place writes to ADA Curbelo. He says that items of evidence from the Newton case are not in their last listed storage location and are assumed to be destroyed. (He explains that the files that would have proof of destruction were consumed in a fire in the summer of 1995.)
<b>AUGUST 2004</b>	Innocence Project opens Newton's case.
<b>MAY 2005</b>	Innocence Project asks Elisa Koenderman of the Bronx DA's office to make one last search for the rape kit.
<b>JULY 2005</b>	Koenderman asks Inspector Jack Trabitiz (Commanding Officer of the NYPD's Property Clerk's Division) of Pearson Place to do a physical search for the rape kit. Her letter notes the original barrel number from the evidence voucher.
<b>NOVEMBER 2005</b>	Evidence is located at Pearson Place in the barrel noted on the evidence voucher -- 11 years after his first request for an evidence search.