

APPENDIX: Characteristics of Informant Testimony in DNA Exoneration Cases

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Adams, Kennedy	IL	CI, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jailhouse informant testified that shortly after Williams and Rainge were arrested, he overheard them talking in the Cook County Jail about how they had killed a man and "taken" sex from a woman. • Paula Gray, later also charged, had falsely confessed and implicated Adams, Rainge and Williams. 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified: "Dennis Williams said he's glad he took care of the guy and he was tellint Una don't worry about nothing because they're gone. They'll never find the pistol, you know."</p> <p>And that "they didn't really shouldn't have took it from the lady, you know."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-conviction, the informant admitted lying and a <u>Brady</u> violation. The L.A. Times reported that in an affidavit, he "said that in exchange for his testimony a burglary charge against him was dropped." <p>However, on the witness stand he denied any such deal – "There was no promises." He did admit that he was released on a \$25,000 bond for burglary charges.</p>
Barnes, Steven	NY	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jailhouse informant, as the appellate court described, recounted a conversation in which defendant, informant and another inmate were discussing "some girls", defendant said "You mean the one I killed" and then said "I mean the one I am accused of killing." 	<p>In addition to the "the one I killed" comment, informant said that the defendant also mentioned the victim's name.</p>	<p>The informant said that it was law enforcement that came to him and asked about conversation – and he denied the existence of any deal – but he served no time on a second felony charge.</p>
Bloodsworth, Kirk	MD	CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperating witness recounted statements by Bloodsworth, that while not admissions, contained allegedly non-public information about the crime 	<p>'I didn't think anything of it then, and he started talking about this little girl and her clothes, and some guy that was with him that was supposed to have done it and some rock. It was bloody and all this kind of stuff.'</p> <p>The prosecution contended that the information about the rape was non-public. However, police also conceded that the rock was sitting in the interview room before Bloodsworth was interrogated and that it was only removed after Bloodsworth had entered the room.</p>	
Brown, Roy	NY	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No non-public facts in statement, just a bare admission 	<p>"A. Well, I asked him, I said, Kip, you crazy mother fucker, did you actually do it or did you do her; and he said, yeah, I got the bitch or the whore and she</p>	<p>"Q. And you did possess the firearm, didn't you? A. For a short period of time, yes. Q. And you told the police that too, didn't you?"</p>

¹ J indicates a juvenile at the time of arrest. MR indicates mentally retarded or disabled.

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				deserved it, something along those lines.”	A. Yes. Q. You weren't charged with any felony, were you? A. No, I was not. Q. You weren't charged with anything, were you? A. No, sir, I was not. Q. And that's because you offered this information at that time to save your own soul, correct? A. No, that is not correct.”
Criner, Roy	TX	CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts allegedly provided by 3 co-workers and friends cooperating as witnesses with the police • Those facts included that the victim’s grandmother lived in a trailer in New Caney, Texas and that the murder weapon was a screwdriver 	<p>"He changed his story and said he took the girl to her grandmother's house” and that “he took the girl to her grandmother's house trailer, in New Caney."</p> <p>The victim "has 11 puncture wounds to her neck. He said he poked her with a screwdriver.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, but recanted in Frontline interview • The one witness who testified told journalists years later that both he and his wife had made clear to the police that Criner was at work stacking logs when the crime occurred. It was “physically impossible” for Criner to have committed the crime. <p>He was never asked about this at trial, and later recalled the police “only wrote down what we said that was bad for Roy.”</p>
Cruz, Rolando	IL	CI, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three jailhouse informants each claimed to have overheard admissions of varying detail. • Non-incarcerated cooperating witness also claimed to have overheard admissions. • Cruz was also reported to have confessed and implicated co-defendant Hernandez. 	<p>Non-incarcerated cooperating witness testified: "He told me he wasn't involved at all with the girl getting killed," but that "he was there" - and that the body was dumped "off a road, yeah. He didn't have to tell me because I already read about it," and he admitted "I already knew that from the news. I knew what road and everything.”</p> <p>First jailhouse informant testified Cruz said he “kind of killed” a girl in Aurora, that “something” had happened and he had left something “stashed” there.</p> <p>Second jailhouse informant claimed that Cruz had confessed to abducting a victim with his co-defendants, taking her to a drug dealer’s house in Aurora, overhearing Hernandez sexually assaulting her, the victim fell down wooden stairs, and then they killed her.</p>	<p>First jailhouse informant denied receiving any preferential sentencing in return for his testimony, yet he conceded that he had received two five-year concurrent sentences for two burglary charges and numerous other burglary charges were “possibly” dropped less than two weeks after he reported his conversation with defendant to authorities.</p> <p>As for second jailhouse informant, evidence of his convictions and psychiatric treatment was admitted, but evidence that his offenses involved the theft of human body parts was excluded.</p> <p>Third jailhouse informant contacted State while his own appeal was pending. He wrote a letter to the Attorney General stating that he had information about eight death row inmates' cases, including the defendant's. He wrote, “[T]hese people have told me what happened</p>

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				<p>Third jailhouse informant, who testified at the second trial, said that defendant admitted that he, Hernandez and “someone named Dugan” burglarized a home, found a young girl inside, took her in the back seat of a car to a lightly wooded area, raped her, and then killed her outside the car by hitting her on the head with a crowbar.</p>	<p>in their cases, although most of them will not get a new trial, but one may never know.” He denied telling other inmates that he would “get time” off for informing on Cruz. He agreed that, on his resentencing, he would like the judge to be aware that he had cooperated in defendant's case. THE denied, however, being offered any promises of leniency in exchange for testimony.</p> <p>An Assistant State's Attorney would later testify on his behalf at the resentencing hearing, saying that he had “voluntarily provided testimony in the trial of Rolando Cruz” and was cooperative.</p>
Danziger, Richard	TX	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts included in co-defendant Chris Ochoa’s false confession – <i>see</i> false confession Appendix. 	<p>Prosecutor argued, “look at the explicit details of the crime. I don't know if you caught some of these things. When Chris was talking about how they bound and gagged [the victim], when they took her to the arcade area, how her shirt was taken from her legs where it had been used as ligament and thrown off on Richard. Remember where her shirt was found? Right in that doorway by the arcade. And remember they said that she was carried into the bathroom after she had been shot in the head, and her tie that had been used to bound her up was taken off by Richard so he could perform oral sex on her dying body. Where was the tie found? In the bathroom. Now, are you to believe the police sat and coached him on all those details so once again we could convict an innocent man. Is that what you are to believe? That's what the defense is asserting.”</p>	
Dean, James	NE	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts described in false confession Appendix concerning other “Beatrice Six” defendants Shelden, Taylor and Winslow. 		
Dedge, William	FL	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details included location of rape, type of bike, reported bragging that he 	<p>Informant claimed that defendant "said, I just raped and cut some old hog." And that he had "the</p>	<p>Jailhouse informant pleaded guilty, agreed to testify against 2 defendants, and in return his</p>

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			<p>established an alibi, reported bragging about the victim's inconsistent descriptions</p>	<p>fastest bike made for the United States," and "the bitch had give a description to the police that he was, I believe he said six foot tall and a couple hundred points or something like that which he said, look at me, I'm only give foot six and a hundred thirty-five points." And that later that day, at a biker's bar in New Smyrna, "he had danced with some biker's old lady, and the biker got mad, they got into a fight which caused a ruckus, and the police came and made a police report, and that further established his alibi as to not being in Brevard at all that day."</p> <p>"So when they testified about him being there at work, as far as they knew they were telling the truth because when he did return back to work, he didn't -- no one seen him come back in, either, he just eased his way back into the thick, and it was about quitting time, anyhow, the end of the day." "And he told me tha the had the trip between New Smyrna and Sharpes down pat where he could make it in fifteen minutes." "[H]e cracked the throttle all the way open there and he said in a very short time the cable started bounding real bad, and the cable snapped. And he said he knew he was going way over a hundred and sixty miles an hour at that time."</p> <p>And that he had his trial reversed over dog-scent testimony, and "he was confident he would win his new trial."</p>	<p>sentence ran concurrently, reducing his sentence from 180 to 60 years. However, he claimed that when speaking to Dedge, he already had an agreement for leniency in the other defendant's unrelated case, and thus had no deal in Dedge's case. "Q: Now, you are hoping for some consideration from your testimony in this case, are you not? A: I hope it will look favorably to the Parole Board, yes sir."</p> <p>"No, sir; I've asked for nothing and I've been offered nothing."</p> <p>The State's Attorney testified, "I told him I can make no promises or guarantees to him,"</p>
Dillon, William	FL	CI, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jailhouse informant provided detailed description of crime and claimed Dillon had re-enacted the crime in the jail dining hall, although no other inmates witnessed this. ● Defendant's ex-girlfriend also provided account of seeing him 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified, "He said he was at a party, him and his girlfriend, and he was drinking and they all got drunk and they went down to a beach..." he asked a guy for a cigarette "that's when he said he punched him, sucker-punched him." "[T]hey got on the ground, they</p>	<p>After jailhouse informant agreed to testify against Dillon, the State dropped pending charges against him for the rape of a sixteen-year-old girl. At trial the informant denied any deal, and said the charges being dropped, "was in the process of getting done" although right after he made the statements to police, he</p>

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			<p>at crime-scene</p>	<p>rolled, he got up into and upright position and he grabbed the guy and starting punching him in the face." "[H]e motioned with his hand, with his left hand, that is, held him either on his throat or his chest and punched him" The victim was "an older fellow."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● But he described that the defendant admitted committing crime at a different beach, many miles from where the crime took place. 	<p>"went up for a bond reduction." He claimed that the real reason the charges were dropped was that "They didn't have no evidence on me."</p> <p>Years later, the jailhouse informant recanted and said that he had told police that Dillon denied any guilt. He said that the police officer sat next to him and another officer sat on his other side. They recorded an interview in which the officer asked questions and the other officer wrote desired answers on the pad, for the informant to read out loud to parrot the false testimony against Dillon.</p> <p>A cooperating witness, Dillon's ex-girlfriend, recanted, as the Innocence Project describes - "Less than two weeks after the trial, Dillon's ex-girlfriend recanted her testimony. She said she had fabricated the story about seeing Dillon at the crime scene because law enforcement officers had threatened her with 25 years in prison as an accessory if she didn't testify against him. Later, it was revealed that she also had sexual intercourse during the investigation with the lead officer in the case. The officer was suspended in connection with the incident and would eventually resign."</p>
Fain, Charles Irvin	ID	CI, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non-public details in admissions recounted by two jailhouse informants ● One described Fain recounting where he drove with the victim, that he drowned her in water, that he raped her and a "golf ball sized lump" on her forehead consistent with photographs of her body ● A second informant chiefly accounted for the lack of forensic evidence, claiming that the defendant bragged about cleaning out his car carefully. <p>Prosecutor emphasized that there were two informants – "Not one, but two persons, and I believe the old rule is that in the mouth</p>	<p>First informant testified: "Fain come and started talking about the young girls... and then he went into – well, this case. About picking [the victim] up on Greenleaf, making a U-turn on Seventh. Going over to Fairview, out to Twelfth, and then to a pumping station; and he says, 'Oh, I guess I shouldn't have told you that.'"</p> <p>He said that he was "molesting her," and "This time when she got away, she tripped and fell and she hit her head, her forehead. He said, 'A know come up on her about the size of a golf ball.' He wasn't satisfied and finished with what he was going, so he went</p>	<p>Court ruled "there is no evidence to establish that this was a covert or subterfuge on the part of the state to plant [first informant] in this cell."</p> <p>The police officer denied any promise of leniency.</p>

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			<p>of two or three witnesses shall everything be established. This defendant committed those crimes."</p>	<p>back and got his satisfaction. Then he took her and put her in the ditch. He carried her to a ditch and held her head under water."</p> <p>"When his back was turned and he walked away, I fished these two maps out of the toilet and put them in my pants."</p> <p>Second informant testified that "Mr. Fain had stated that the detectives were going about his case all wrong, and that he had cleaned his car out numerous times, and he cleaned it out so good that they would not be able to detect anything in his automobile." And "he had caught the girl, and had placed her in some water which he did not say; and then he had left..."</p>	
Fritz, Dennis	OK	CD, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts including jailhouse informant testifying he had confessed, and that he and co-defendant cleaned away blood, and beer cans, explaining lack of forensic evidence. • On co-defendant Ron Williamson's reported false confession, which also included non-public details, see False Confessions Appendix. 	<p>"I looked at him, and you could see tears coming down his eyes, and he said we didn't mean to hurt her. We didn't mean to hurt her. He goes, what do you think my daughter would think of me as a murderer."</p> <p>And he testified that defendant described "him and Ron washing blood" from the murder scene.</p> <p>He denied that the officer disclosed any case details – "No, he didn't tell me nothing about the case"</p>	<p>Jailhouse informant was charged with second degree burglary and knowingly concealing stolen property, and was sentenced to 2 years and 3 years, with a suspended sentence.</p> <p>Informant denied any deal and testified, "most of the time you'll be labeled as a snitch, and they'll give you a hard time. And most of the time, they try to make punks out of you down there... They try to turn you into a homosexual and try to rape you or something just because you testified for the State."</p>
Gates, Donald Eugene	IL	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts - appellate decision described how – "A paid informant told police that a man, identified before and at trial as the appellant, had told the informant that: he had tried to rob "a young, pretty white girl;" she resisted, so he raped her; after reflection on the consequences of his actions, he shot her and left her in a park." 	<p>The Government's brief described his testimony as follows - "Smith knew appellant's first and last names and recalled having a specific conversation with him near the end of June, 1981, during the mornings hours, at the park at 25th and Pennsylvania Avenue. Appellant was 'a little high' because the men had all been drinking. Appellate told Smith during this conversation that 'he went on a hell of a caper a couple [of] days ago. The caper consisted [of]</p>	<p>The informant had six other cases pending - he had an agreement with the Government "that a Superior Court larceny after trust case and three separate Maryland shoplifting cases would be dismissed in exchange for his testimony against Mr. Gates and his testimony in two other serious cases," He initially received \$50 for his tip, and then \$250 more, and then \$1,000 from Crime Solvers after he testified in the Grand Jury.</p>

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				robbing a pretty white girl. All he had was intentions to rob her, but she resisted. And after she resisted, he raped her. And they after it dawned on him what he had done, he shot her.' Appellant told smith that the crime occurred in a park and that he had left the victim 'cut and dry.'"	
Godschalk, Bruce	PA	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details concerning eyewitnesses' failure to identify defendant and rapist not ejaculating in one assault. 	Jailhouse informant claimed that defendant had admitted that the victims "couldn't identify him and stuff, because they didn't get a good look at him, only in a mirror, right? And one time he was mentioning about how he didn't finish the job in the one, you know, and this is a little embarrassing, and that the lady said - (objection) . . She was saying something like, 'My boyfriend was coming home.' And he said -- he told me that he got scared and left."	<p>"The police told me originally that I would be, you know, helped out."</p> <p>Defense argued in closings, that the informant "is an absolute liar. He is facing certain charges whereby he has been promised some assistance from the Commonwealth to make less significant the charges that are against him if he would cooperate with the police somehow or other, and I think [he] simply made these things up out of the whole cloth."</p>
Gonzalez, Kathy	NE	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts including in false confession Appendix concerning other "Beatrice Six" defendants Shelden, Taylor and Winslow. 		
Evans, Michael	IL	CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyewitness considered also as a paid informant, in that she had come forward to claim \$5,000 reward, and a new trial was granted when it came to light that she was granted money by the prosecutor, ostensibly for relocation. 	<p>See Eyewitness Appendix for information concerning crime scene provided by eyewitness.</p> <p>The Chicago Tribune reported that the victim's "mother told polices [that the victim] left the house at 6:30 p.m., but by the time she testified at the 1977 trial, she said [the victim] left at 8 p.m.</p> <p>In 2002 the Tribune contacted the slain girl's parents. Both said the mother changed her testimony to make it agree with an account given by the witness, raising questions about the integrity of the case."</p>	Witness was provided money for "relocation" by prosecutor, which defense learned about only after first trial, resulting in a new trial granted.
Gray, David A	IL	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts including explanation for lack of forensic evidence, the ripped telephone, the unusual "wine-colored" shoes the perpetrator wore – prosecutor argued that was "a fact that would have been 	He testified "once inside the house, his friend raped the lady, and he said that after he raped her, he went into the kitchen, and got a knife out of the drawer, and after that, he said that he stabbed the lady a lot of times." They	<p>He was told that he would "get out anyway" after he provided information about Gray.</p> <p>Prosecutor testified, "I know there was nothing definite said or offered, but I don't know whether I may have</p>

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			<p>unknown to any person, other than police officers, members of the State's Attorney's Office. . . “</p>	<p>then “went through the purse and found the checks,” and then left.</p> <p>He “had some gloves or somethin’ on his hands,” explaining why no fingerprints were found.</p> <p>“Q. Okay, did he say anything about a telephone? A. Oh, yes. He jerked---one of them jerked the phone off the wall. Q. Okay, did he tell you what the color of the shoes he had on? A. Wine colored.</p> <p>Prosecutor testified “That only fact that I told him, prior to him telling my anything, was that it was a rape case.”</p>	<p>said something like, ‘It won’t hurt you,’ or something like that. I just can’t remember.”</p> <p>“There has been a promise that he will not go to the penitentiary; that he will serve his time, an appropriate amount of time in the County Jail. . .” This was because “he had served as an informant, for the State, in a number of drug cases. . .”</p> <p>He was sentenced to 3 years. But he served seven months – “they told me all I would have to do was six or seven months, whatever they felt was enough time on the burglary.” And he understood he would serve “a shorter period of time,” and would be let out a few weeks after the Gray trial.</p> <p>When prosecutor asked him to take a lie detector test, he refused, “because I have bad nerves.”</p> <p>Prosecutor argued that the informant “is a bum, but he’s been used in the past, too, and the information that he has provided has been very reliable, in other situations. This is not uncommon, in law enforcement, and his information, in the past, was instrumental in the prosecution of other cases to successful conclusions, and he has furnished reliable facts.</p>
Halstead, Dennis	NY	J, CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details by both jailhouse informant and co-defendant, as well as additional witness • <i>See also</i> Restivo 	<p>"He told he his case is a rape and a murder but he didn't kill them." "He told me he and two of his friends, a guy named Dennis and a guy named John were out in his brother's van that night, out by some kind of roller skating rink."</p> <p>“He didn't tell me how she got into the van, but after he told me she was in the van that Dennis grabbed the girl and John and they started forcing her to have sex and while John was -- John was holding her, Dennis fucked her and then John went, then John didn't really want to rape the girl and his friend said, 'What are you,</p>	<p>Jailhouse informant denied any deal, “No deal was made, sir,” but he inculpated a co-defendant and pleaded guilty to lesser charges and received a lower sentence (4-8 years) than that originally sought (14 years). He said he had already obtained leniency for testifying against his co-defendant. However, he was in touch with police with this information before pleading guilty in his case.</p> <p>"You are acting as a snitch here in your mind? A. No. Q. You are acting as a man here? A. I'm doing what I feel is right."</p>

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				<p>a pussy?" and he told me he fucker her but he told me right after that he didn't kill the girl."</p> <p>"That John Kogut, that he strangled her after with a scarf. And then, I asked him what did they do with the body? He told me they dumped the girl by some railroad tracks." And he said the victim's name.</p> <p>Additional witness testified that defendant had confessed with details to him.</p>	<p>Second informant admitted that prosecutors would recommend that he serve six months, lower than the prior offer of 10 months, and that police moved him to a "nice plush motel" and not jail, during trial.</p>
Heins, Chad	FL	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in admissions allegedly overheard by two jailhouse informants 	<p>Prosecutor argued, "What rings true about what [the informants] didn't get any deal or compensation from testifying? The words they claimed he used. Remember, they didn't know whether it was Jeremy's wife that got killed, what did they tell you this defendant said. I killed my brother's old lady... neither one of them knew anything about the facts of this defendant's case..."</p>	<p>Prosecutor asserted "they didn't get any deal or compensation from testifying"</p>
Hernandez, Alejandro	IL	CD, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in co-defendant Cruz' reported and false confession, see False Confessions Appendix. • Non-public details in jailhouse informant's statements 	<p>One informant admitted he had heard "rumors at the jail." He then said – "A: I asked if he had – if he was involved in it. Q: And what did he tell you? A: Yeah, he was."</p> <p>Non-public facts included: The murder occurred in an abandoned place. The victim was blindfolded and hit, then was dragged out of the house by her ankles, hit with a bat, dumped and stomped on the back of the head.</p> <p>The informant said defendant described an unusual night-light at the crime scene, "it was a nightlight on the black post that goes up and has four glass pieces, one on each side."</p>	<p>One informant was facing contempt charges at time implicated Hernandez, and another received leniency on pending burglary charges.</p>
Hunt, Daryll	NC	CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several informants provided statements to police during the investigation and identified Hunt and testified at trial. 	<p>Paid informant testified that he saw Hunt "sitting across her stomach and he was hitting her like this, beating on her right</p>	<p>Paid informant, denied receiving \$9,000 from police but admitted receiving "around \$200." He said it was not because he is an important</p>

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Jimerson, Verneal	IL	CD, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in co-defendant Paula Gray’s reported and false confession see False Confessions Appendix. • Non-public details in jailhouse informant’s statements 	Jailhouse informant testified: “He was saying that the guy that kept running off with his mouth, they say they’re glad they took care of him...” “[H]e was telling Tuna don’t worry about nothing because they’re gone. They’ll never find the pistol, you know.” And “that they was gonna get somebody to take care of the lady that seen them in the neighborhood the day they got arrested.”	
Kogut, John	NY	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details included identities of co-defendants and that crime occurred in van 	“He said he was driving around in the van, him and Dennis and John. They were fucked up, and they did something fucked up.”	Informant was offered leniency in his case.
Mathews, Ryan	LA	CD	For co-defendant Travis Hayes’ reported and false confession (one which contained no non-public details) see False Confessions Appendix.		
McCarty, Curtis	OK	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details - jailhouse informant claimed to have heard defendant admit to drugging, raping, stabbing girl in another’s house 		Informant denied any deal or leniency as did prosecutor in closing argument.
McCray, Antron	NY	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in co-defendants Richardson, Salaam, Santana and Wise’s reported and false confessions (and defendant also falsely confessed), see False Confessions Appendix. 		
Mumphrey, Arthur	NY	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentally-retarded co-defendant confessed and agreed to testify against Mumphrey in exchange for reduced sentence 	No trial transcript obtained.	Co-defendant confessed and agreed to testify against Mumphrey in exchange for reduced sentence
Nelson, Bruce	PA	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-defendant was inculpated by DNA testing post-conviction 	No trial transcript obtained.	
Ollins, Calvin	IL	CD, CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details reported in co-defendants Bradford’s 		

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			<p>reported and false confessions (Calvin Ollins also falsely confessed), see False Confessions Appendix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two cooperating witnesses reported additional details 		
Ollins, Larry	IL	CD, CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-defendants Bradford and Ollins' reported and false confessions, see False Confessions Appendix. 	Cooperating witness recanted at trial, testifying "He ain't told me he killed her."	Cooperating witness claimed that he had earlier, at grand jury, claimed Ollins made admissions only because police had handcuffed him to a ring for 7 hours and told him he would be charged with the crime of concealment unless he implicated Ollins.
Ott, Chaunte	WI	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One man falsely confessed, pleaded guilty to lesser charges, and testified that Ott and another man (was not charged) had all committed the murder together • Non-public details allegedly included in the accounts of those two men included the type murder weapon and that the victim's throat was cut, the victim was stabbed in upper torso, location of crime scene, on mattress in back yard of abandoned house 	<p>First codefendant, who falsely confessed, described defendant taking victim behind a house, that he saw the victim "tussling and stuff" on a mattress on the ground. When they left, he heard "gagging" sounds and "her throat was all cut."</p> <p>Second man described riding in a car with the other two and with the victim, that they stopped in front of a house, and when they returned, the first codefendant told him that "She didn't have no money so Chaunte cut her throat."</p>	<p>First codefendant pleaded guilty to one charge of attempted robbery as part of an agreement in the case.</p> <p>Second witness was not charged.</p>
Peterson, Larry	NJ	CI, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One jailhouse informant and two other cooperating witnesses, describing weapons used, and supposedly corroborated by Medical Examiner's report of victim's injuries. <p>Prosecutor stated in closing argument – "I'm going to show you the extent to which they are consistent with each other and how those consistencies impact in terms of corroboration."</p>	<p>Jailhouse informant testified that defendant said "Yeah, I done it, but I was drunk at the time. By the time I realized it, it was too late." "He said that, um, he wasn't going to drink no more because alcohol, it made him do something that he regret. He didn't specify. He just stated that and he said that one time while drinking, he beat somebody with a bat or some stuff something like that. And um, he just went on just, you know, talking about drinking." The testimony also buttressed the other informants, stating, "I said, 'Well, did you tell him that?' He said yeah, but he still don't feel it was right for the guy to snitch."</p> <p>The other cooperating witnesses supposedly heard defendant admit</p>	Jailhouse informant denied that he had been promised any kind of consideration. He explained he testified "Because what he done could be anybody. Could be anybody's sister. Could have been my sister. And who's to say that he won't do it again"

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				<p>to beating, choking victim, tearing her clothes off, and mentioned a stick – which the prosecutor claimed corroborated photographs of injuries, and the Medical Examiner’s report.</p> <p>Jailhouse informant commented, “I didn't say I like to steal but I do it,” and “I lie on occasion.”</p>	
Raigne, Willie	IL	CD, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in co-defendant Paula Gray’s reported and false confession, <i>see</i> False Confessions Appendix. • Non-public details in jailhouse informant’s statements (<i>see</i> Adams, Jimerson) 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified: “Dennis Williams said he’s glad he took care of the guy and he was tellint Una don’t worry about nothing because they’re gone. They’ll never find the pistol, you know.”</p> <p>And that “they didn’t really shouldn’t have took it from the lady, you know.”</p>	
Restivo, John	NY	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details included how victim was killed (strangulation). • Non-public details in John Kogut’s reported and false confession <i>see</i> False Confessions Appendix. • Non-public details in jailhouse informant’s statements (<i>see</i> Halstead) 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified that Restivo “told me about his two friends who he did it with, a guy named Dennis and a guy named John, that they were in his brother’s van when they seen this girl... they started forcing her to have sex.”</p> <p>Second informant stated that Halstead told him “I didn’t kille her. I just raped her,” and that he described how Kogut had killed the victim with a “moving strap” or a rope.</p> <p>Additional witness said Halstead had told her “That he didn’t murder her. That he only raped her.”</p>	<p>Jailhouse informant denied any deal, “No deal was made, sir,” but he inculpated a co-defendant and pleaded guilty to lesser charges and received a lower sentence (4-8 years) than that originally sought (14 years).</p> <p>Second informant admitted that prosecutors would recommend that he serve six months, lower than the prior offer of 10 months, and that police moved him to a “nice plush motel” and not jail, during trial.</p>
Richardson, Kevin	NY	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in co-defendants McCray, Richardson, Salaam, Santana and Wise’s reported and false confessions (and defendant also falsely confessed), <i>see</i> False Confessions Appendix. 		
Roman, Miguel	CT	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details by jailhouse informant, summarized by prosecutor: “And the other thing is, how would he know, otherwise, about the palm print, 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified that defendant told him “his girlfriend was pregnant. And his girlfriend was threatening him, was going to call his wife to tell on him”</p>	<p>He discussed his plea offer with prosecutors the same morning he told them of his conversation with the defendant. He surfaced only during the criminal trial – the trial was</p>

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			about the sneakers, about the defendant's intention to sue the State of Connecticut."	and "he see a man coming out of the house, who was a black man... he was angry" and then killed the victim. He claimed defendant bragged about the lack of forensics, including on the victim's couch, and that once he was acquitted he would sue the State.	reopened to allow his testimony. He denied obtaining any additional leniency – however, he received on offer to plead guilty to burglary, drop larceny, get one year – and received time served.
Salaam, Yusef	NY	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in co-defendants McCray, Richardson, Santana and Wise's reported and false confessions (and defendant also reportedly falsely confessed), <i>see</i> False Confessions Appendix. 		
Saunders, Omar	IL	CI, CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in co-defendant Paula Gray's false confession, <i>see</i> False Confessions Appendix. • Informant included non-public detail that victim was hit in the face with a brick 	"Larry made a Rambo move to a white broad's car" and Bradford "jumped in the driver's seat when Calvin followed." "Larry caught her and hit her in the face with a brick."	<p>Informant admitted he was familiar with this homicide before talking to police - and he had recanted to defense attorney in recorded conversation - but then took back the recantation at trial.</p> <p>He was paid more than \$500 for relocation to Chicago's South Side</p>
Shelden, Debra	NE	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts described in false confession Appendix concerning other "Beatrice Six" defendants Dean, Taylor, and Winslow. 		
Taylor, Joanne	NE	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts described in false confession Appendix concerning other "Beatrice Six" defendants Dean, Shelden, and Winslow. 		
Terry, Paul	IL	CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See</i> Michael Evans, above. 		
Waters, Kenneth	MA	CI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts included in alleged admissions to ex-girlfriends regarding victim and how murder took place 	<p>"Q. What did he tell you about this murder? A. He told me he killed her. Q. 'Did he give you any further description of who, 'her,' was? A. Well, he referred to her as an old German bitch. Q. Did he tell you anything more particular about the murder? How he did it? A. Stabbed her. Q. Did he tell you anything else about the murder? A. That he took money and jewelry."</p>	

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				<p>Second informant testified: “Q. What did he say? A. —a German lady that went in the diner quite a bit and had a lot of money in her trailer because she was going back to Germany. Q. Did he tell you anything else about the money? A. That he’d like to get it.”</p> <p>“A. I asked him if he killed that woman back there. Q. What did he say? A. Yeah, what’s it to you?”</p>	
Washington, Calvin	TX	CI, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public details in statements by two jailhouse informants and cooperating witnesses. • Prosecutor argued that the informant testimony was “consistent with the fact that she was raped both vaginally and anally.” The prosecutor added that as to another informant’s testimony, "How do we corroborate that? What is the corroboration of that? Let me ask you this. If you had heard that a woman had been burglarized, raped and murdered in her house late at night, where would you expect for that assault to have taken place? At night a person is going to be in their back bedroom normally under normal circumstances. What did Calvin Washington tell [the informant]? He said she came out of the back room with something in her hand, and I just reacted and started hitting her right there in the front room. There is your corroboration. How is he going to know that if he wasn't there, that the attack began in the front room. The front living room, that's where the attack began.” 	<p>Informants described defendant talking about "biting that woman" corroborating the forensic bite mark analysis implicating co-defendant. Another informant described items stolen from victim’s home, including the victim’s car, a T.V., VCR, Microwave, small box of silverware, clothes, and two small lamps.</p> <p>Jailhouse informant explained that "when a man commits a murder or like that, and as one of them was bragging about it, it just didn't sit right with me." He said "either when he left out the room, the woman was still alive," and that he did it with "His fall partner." And "he said he did have sex with the woman." And "He said that the State has some teeth marks that were claiming to be his that were found on the lady's body. And he said at that time that they wasn't his."</p> <p>Another informant, not in jail, said he saw the defendant with the victim’s car, and “He said that he had jumped on her, thought he had killed her. And I asked him - - I thought he was just jiving, you know. And he said, no, you'll hear about it, you know." This informant had charges pending for delivery, possession of cocaine.</p>	<p>Prosecutor testified denying that any promises were made to any of the jailhouse informants, Wilkerson - denied any promises or deals - TT 738 - but one charge "retired" pending a lab report.</p> <p>Jailhouse informant claimed no leniency, stating that officer "told me he would get back with me, and he never did get back with me," adding, "Hasn't nobody made me no offers." Q. Ever? A. Ever. Q. Not one time? A. Not one time." .However, his theft case was "Dropped it down to a misdemeanor," as was a burglary charge, and as a habitual offender, he could have received life in prison, but instead got "Nothing" and served only four months - why? – he claimed "I got nothing because they had no evidence."</p> <p>Dotson - later statement to PI - they subjected him to pressure "you know they kept pressuring me" and "Saying that I might be charged with Capital Murder I don't need no capital murder charge -- I don't even know when she died or whatever,</p>

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				A second jailhouse informant said he saw the defendant "on a Saturday night in a dark green, light blue Pontiac."	
Watkins, Jerry	IN	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts in jailhouse informant's statement included identity of victim, how she was killed, where her body was found 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified, "I said, the girl that you got the time for, for the molestation charges, is the little girl is dead. He said, yes, she's dead. He said - and he was still, you know, he was upset real bad, he was cryin'. He was holdin' the bible in his hands."</p> <p>"He said that he had killed her. He said that he'd cut her throat. That he'd left her in some bushes in Hancock County." "Q. Did he get any more specific about how he'd cut her throat? A. He said that - that he'd cut her throat. That her jugular vein was cut and that he'd left her in some bushes in Hancock County." He said that it was "his wife's sister or his wife's - sister's little girl."</p>	<p>"You haven't promised me anything as far as my freedom or anything. You told me that you would help see to it that I was protected after all of this was over."</p> <p>"Did the Officers ever promise to do anything for you that you know of? A. They didn't promise to do anything. They said that after the trial was over .. that they would talk to the people in Indianapolis and if there was any consideration or anything - it would be done..."</p> <p>Prosecutor denied at trial that any deal or leniency provided.</p>
White, Joseph	NE	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts including in false confession Appendix concerning other "Beatrice Six" defendants Dean, Taylor, Sheldon, and Winslow. 		
Whitley, Drew	PA	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts included where victim was shot 	<p>"He said the girl was shot in the back" and "he said he took the gun and threw it over a hillside near McDonald's into Kennywood Park."</p> <p>Court ruled that defense could not bring out that informant was incarcerated, much less for a capital offense, stating ""The gist is you are not going to be allowed to indicate in any way that [he] is incarcerated, and what he has been convicted of, and what the sentences is."</p>	<p>"Has anybody promised you anything in exchange for your testimony, sir? A. No, sir."</p>
Williams, Dennis	IL	CI, J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts – see Adams and Rainge cases 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified: "Dennis Williams said he's glad he took care of the guy and he was tellint Una don't worry about nothing because they're gone. They'll never find the pistol, you know."</p>	

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Williamson, Ronald	OK	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-public facts – method of murder – and second informant was the actual perpetrator later inculpated by DNA testifying 	First informant testified: “A. He was telling--I guess in the bullpen, the guys back there--that he--he said he shoved a coke bottle up her ass and her panties down her throat." When prosecutor tried to correct this testimony, since it was in fact a ketchup bottle, informant testified “He said a Coke bottle or ketchup bottle or bottle.”	Federal district court later found trial counsel ineffective for reasons including failure to develop leniency provided to the first informant.
Winslow, Thomas	NE	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-public facts described in false confession Appendix concerning other “Beatrice Six” defendants Dean, Sheldon, and Taylor. 		
Wise, Kharey	NY	CD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-public details in co-defendants McCray, Richardson, Salaam and Santana’s reported and false confessions (and defendant also reportedly falsely confessed), <i>see</i> False Confessions Appendix. 		
Wyniemko, Kennety	MI	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-public facts included explanation for lack of forensic evidence, mask attacker wore, how attacker used handcuffs 	<p>“Q. And did he tell you what he got rid of? A: Handcuffs and a pair of gloves, latex gloves. And that's basically it.”</p> <p>“Q: Did he tell you what he did to the person? A: Oh, that he had handcuffed her behind her back, that he had gaged (sic) her mouth with something or whatever, and that he had intercourse with the woman. Q: Did he indicates i (sic) he just did one sexual act of -- A: No, he -- more than one.”</p> <p>“Q: Did he indicate where he knew her from? A: He had told me that her husband bowled at a bowling alley where he worked at. I'm not sure what bowling alley, I can't remember.”</p> <p>“Q: Did he indicate anything that he did that would cause there to be no evidence? A: Besides</p>	<p>New story stated, "The prosecution also relied on a jailhouse informant who avoided a life sentence by testifying against Wyniemko, records show."</p> <p>At trial, he claimed he had already received a plea deal from prosecutors prior to agreeing to testify in Wyniemko’s case. He received only one year in county jail in exchange for that deal – he faced up to 15 years - and agreed that was testifying in exchange for that deal.</p> <p>The informant described how prosecutors contacted him, asking if he was a cellmate of the defendant.</p>

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				<p>getting rid of the -- oh, he had told me when he had sex with her, that he made her drink something. What he made her drink, that I'm not sure of. He made her drink something. Q: All right. And did he say what kind of sex he had had with her before he made her drink something? A: Oral sex and vaginal sex is one of them."</p> <p>"Q. Did he do anything to his body to change his appearance? A: He shaved. Q: Okay. Did he tell you where he shaved? A: Just that he just shaved. I kind of felt that was kind of strange too. I didn't understand that. Q: You're motioning on your body that he shaved? A: Just mid section or what, you know. I don't know if - - that's what he said, I shaved."</p> <p>"You indicated that he had told you that the assailant wore a mask. Did he tell you what kind of a mask it was? A: A stocking, I believe a stocking."</p>	
Yarris, Nicholas	PA	J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-public facts included information about where victim worked and corroboration of eyewitness accounts. 	<p>Jailhouse informant testified: "His eyes were like watery and all and he says, 'If I had the chance again, I never would have killed her.'"</p> <p>"He says that he was at the mall a couple of times and there was a girl there that seen him at least twenty-five times and she wouldn't be able to identify him, and he don't see how they could place him at the mall."</p> <p>He said "while he was at the mall he was wearing bluejeans, boots and all..." which corroborated testimony of eyewitnesses.</p>	<p>At sidebar, prosecutor agreed that "we're going to recommend that he get concurrent time on whatever sentences and that he serve his time in Bucks County." His sentencing was postponed until after Yarris' trial.</p>