

**NORTH CAROLINA  
PITT COUNTY**

**FILED**  
**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**2007 DEC 20 P11 2: SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION**  
**99 CRS 65056**

PITT COUNTY, C.S.C.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**VS.**

**HENRY ARCHIE REEVES III,**  
**Convicted Person**

)  
BY           JL            
) **OPINION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA**  
) **INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION**  
)  
)

---

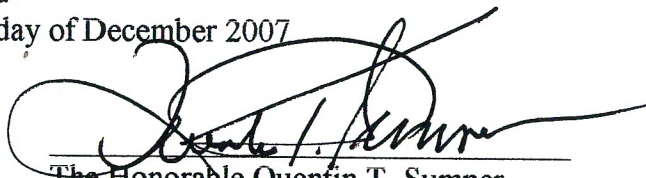
NOW COMES the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1460-75 and hereby makes the following findings of fact in the above captioned case.

1. Henry Archie Reeves III (Mr. Reeves) was convicted of taking Indecent Liberties with a child on January 31, 2001 in Pitt County, North Carolina.
2. Mr. Reeves applied to the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission on March 15, 2007.
3. The staff of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission accepted Mr. Reeves' case for investigation on October 1, 2007, pursuant to N.C. G.S. § 15A-1467.
4. Mr. Reeves cooperated with the formal inquiry completed by the staff of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission pursuant to N.C. G.S. § 15A-1467.
5. On December 14, 2007, the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission held an evidentiary hearing on the above captioned case pursuant to N.C. G.S. § 15A-1468.

6. At the close of the hearing, a majority of the members of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission found that there was sufficient evidence of factual innocence to merit judicial review.
7. The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission further makes a specific finding of fact that Art Manning, commander of the Eastern North Carolina Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Taskforce, presented evidence that the jury did not hear.
8. The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission further makes a specific finding of fact that Lamar and Curtis Hardy, the adult step-child children of Mr. Reeves, have consistently maintained that Mr. Reeves was in fact innocent and they testified before the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission.

THEREFORE, pursuant to N.C. G.S. § 15A-1468(c), the above captioned case is now referred to the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of Pitt County, North Carolina by filing this opinion with the Clerk of Court and service to the District Attorney.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007

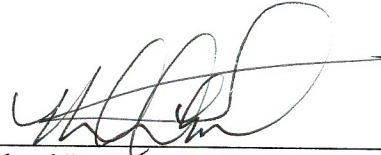
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Quentin T. Sumner", written over a horizontal line.

The Honorable Quentin T. Sumner  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Nash County  
Chairman of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

### Certificate of Service

This shall certify that a copy of the foregoing **Opinion of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission** was this day served upon the Honorable Clark Everett, Esq. and Ms. Kimberly Robb, Esq. of the Pitt County District Attorney's Office by personal delivery to them or a member of the office available to accept service of process.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Epperly', written over a horizontal line.

Michael R. Epperly, Esq.  
Staff Attorney  
North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
P.O. Box 2448  
Raleigh, NC 27602  
(919) 890-1580