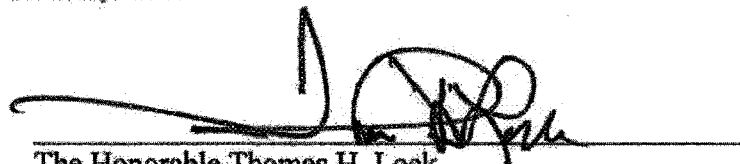


- b. Supplemental documentation, in the form of handouts, a PowerPoint presentation, and audio and video recordings provided prior to and during the hearing;
 - c. Live testimony by Commission Associate Director Beth Tanner, Commission Grant Staff Attorney Catherine Matoian, Commission Staff Attorney Brian Ziegler, DNA expert Meghan Clement, trace expert Lindsey Admire, trace expert Dr. Max Houck, pathology expert Dr. Jerri McLemore, confessions and psychology expert Dr. Sharon Kelley, co-defendant Robbin Carmichael, and claimant Merritt Williams; and;
 - d. Affidavits from Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Christina Howell and defense attorney Charles Redden.
7. After carefully considering this evidence, the Commission has concluded unanimously that there is sufficient evidence of factual innocence to merit judicial review.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 15A-1468(c), and as Chair of the Commission, the undersigned refers this case to the Honorable L. Todd Burke, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for Judicial District 21, and respectfully requests that the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court appoint a three-judge panel and issue commissions to its members to convene a special session of Superior Court of Forsyth County to hear evidence relevant to the Commission's recommendation.

This the 7th day of June, 2019.



The Honorable Thomas H. Lock
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 11B
Alternate Chair, North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing *Opinion* was served upon the following persons by depositing a copy of the same, postage pre-paid, in an official depository of the United States Postal Service, addressed as follows:

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