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An International Exploration of Wrongful Conviction*

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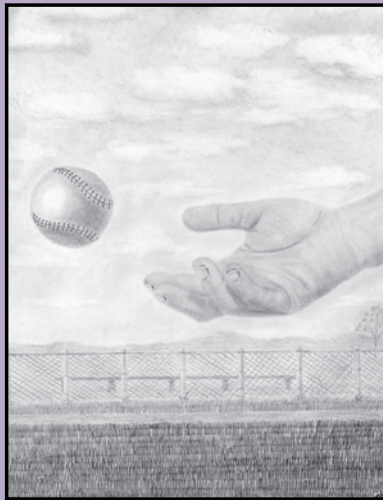
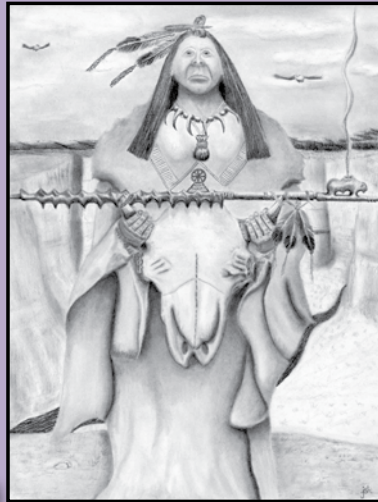
ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS OF THE INNOCENT AND WRONGFULLY CONVICTED

The 2011 Conference will feature an exhibition of artistic expression by exonorees. These artistic expressions will also be published in an issue of the *Freedom Center Journal*, a scholarly publication of the University of Cincinnati College of Law and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The following is an example of such artistic expression:

Hornoff drawings:

"My oldest brother, Ron, discovered through researching genealogy that we have some Native American blood running through our veins. This drawing represents my dream of a peaceful spirit since mine was in such turmoil. It also is indicative of my connection with my ancestors and the freedom they enjoyed, as well as the vast expanse of the canyon in the background and the soaring eagles overhead."

"A Prayer for Peace"
August 2002



"'Fields of Dreams' is representative of my dreams to one day play catch with my youngest son, Jacob, who was born three months after I went to prison. They are probably the drawings that most evoke emotions inside me still. I remember that trying to keep the streaming tears from falling onto the paper being more difficult than the drawing itself."

"Fields of Dreams"
For Jacob, I Love You
June 2002

"These drawings, and all of my drawings in prison, were drawn with a #2 graphite pencil on card stock, using toilet paper as a blending tool." – Jeffrey Scott Hornoff

A Hornoff poem:

'Square Holes, Round Peg' was one of dozens of poems written by Scott Hornoff during his period of wrongful incarceration.

Square Holes, Round Peg

If ever I prayed for a life alone,
Single again and on my own;
Never did I mean to inherit this,
Divine intervention, my pleas amiss.
For, stripped of liberty and of three sons,
For another's crime the nightmare runs;
Full gauntlet here amid foul dregs,
An outsider in square holes, a round peg.

Jeffrey Scott Hornoff

In 1989, Jeffrey Scott Hornoff was a newly-promoted detective with the Warwick Police Department (Warwick, RI). He was also, for a brief time, a suspect in the murder investigation of a friend who resided in the city he was sworn to protect. Questioned by his own department, Scott requested and passed a polygraph examination, and the investigation subsequently cleared him as a suspect.

In 1992, prodded by two members of his own department, the state Attorneys General Office directed the RI State Police to investigate Hornoff for the murder. A single and focused investigation ensued. Scott and his family were cooperative, not knowing that the state police were focused on him rather than on solving the murder. He was indicted, tried, and on June 16, 1996, he was found guilty of first degree murder, then sentenced to life in prison.

With the assistance of the New England Innocence Project, Scott's was the first Rhode Island criminal case to utilize post conviction DNA testing; however, the evidence was either lost, destroyed or never even preserved. He spent 6 years, 4 months and 18 days wrongfully imprisoned before the victim's boyfriend, a man that none of the law enforcement agencies bothered to question, came forward and confessed to the crime. Scott was released on November 6, 2002.



Exoneree Scott Hornoff in Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2009, working as an International Police Officer.