

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 61

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ February 12, 2006

WHEREAS, Derick Hazard, who is currently serving a life sentence at the Adult Correctional Institution, was denied justice in his trial & his subsequent Appeal for a new trial at the Rhode Island Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Bucky Williams, the witness at Derick Hazards trial, who testified to Mr. Hazard being in a vehicle which was involved in the drive-by shooting death of his cousin David Andrews, originally told police that he did not know who killed his cousin; and

WHEREAS, The testimony by Rene King asserting that she saw Bucky Williams alone and was not with his cousin David Andrews shortly before the slaying, was thrown out by Judge Cresto; and

WHEREAS, Veteran prosecutor Annie Goldberg was removed from the case after she told Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse that Derick Hazard deserved a new trial; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Hornoff was convicted of murder in a separate case and later found innocent after the real killer confessed to the killing; and

WHEREAS, Officials in law enforcement say that the wrongful conviction of Jeffery Hornoff opened their thinking as according to a December 31, 2002 Providence Journal article; and

WHEREAS, In papers filed with the Superior Court in June, Defense Attorney J. Richard Ratcliffe asserts that Mr. Hazard's original attorney Vincent Oddo provided inadequate representation, lied to Hazard about his experience defending murder cases, and failed to investigate evidence, later unearthed by The Providence Journal, that supported Mr. Hazard's alibi that he was in Columbus, Ohio, when the killing he was convicted of took place in Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby calls for justice for Derick Hazard in an appropriate form, by a new trial by post relief - ~~on~~ **CITY COUNCIL** all pertinent evidence is presented.

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:

Anna M. Stetson

Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk

READ AND PASSED
IN CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Leona, By Request

**Resolution in Support of New Trial For Derick Hazard
Councilman Miguel Luna by Request**

Whereas, Derick Hazard, who is currently serving a life sentence at the Adult Correctional Institution, was denied justice in his trial & his subsequent Appeal for a new trial at the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Whereas, Bucky Williams, the witness at Derick Hazards trial, who testified to Mr. Hazard being in a vehicle which was involved in the drive-by shooting death of his cousin David Andrews, originally told police that he did not know who killed his cousin.

Whereas, the testimony by Rene King asserting that she saw Bucky Williams alone and was not with his cousin David Andrews shortly before the slaying, was thrown out by Judge Cresto.

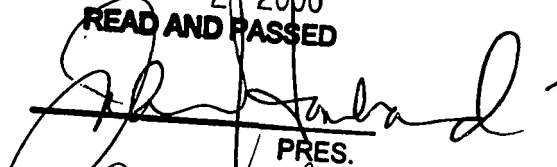

Whereas, veteran prosecutor Annie Goldberg was removed from the case after she told Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse that Derick Hazard deserved a new trial.

Whereas, Jeffery Hornoff was convicted of murder in a separate case and later found innocent after the real killer confessed to the killing.

Whereas, officials in law enforcement say that the wrongful conviction of Jeffery Hornoff opened their thinking as according to a 12/31/2002 Providence Journal article.

Whereas, in papers filed with the Superior Court in June, Defense Attorney J. Richard Ratcliffe asserts that Mr. Hazard's original attorney Vincent Oddo provided inadequate representation, lied to Hazard about his experience defending murder cases, and failed to investigate evidence, later unearthed by The Providence Journal, that supported Mr. Hazard's alibi that he was in Columbus, Ohio, when the killing he was convicted of took place in Providence.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Providence hereby calls for justice for Derick Hazard in an appropriate form, by a new trial by post relief conviction in which all pertinent evidence is presented.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 21 2006
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK