

My name is Annemarie Grant and today I write to you regarding Petitions' for exoneration posthumously as well as the Washoe County "Conviction Integrity Unit" (CIC). Though I do not reside in Nevada my brother was killed by Reno PD and Washoe County Sheriff's during a mental health crisis. It was through my brother's death and the ensuing research that I became aware of Tonja Brown and her continuous efforts to help the inmates and the innocent as well as clear her brother, Nolan Klein's name as he was wrongfully convicted of Rape and Robbery and died in jail an innocent man. Before ever reaching out to Ms. Brown I had read the nonfiction book "To Prove His Innocence" as well as numerous court filings of Ms. Brown, Mr. Klein, and the state of Nevada

I have had the opportunity to watch the live broadcasts of the ACAJ meetings as well as this past legislative session hearings. I was truthfully shocked at District Attorney Jennifer's Noble's clear resistance to having the Senate Bill 354, that included factual innocence Posthumously. I was even more appalled with her statement to the Assembly Judiciary that Washoe CIC had reviewed Mr. Klein's case and she would be happy to discuss it "offline" with the members. It's clear from her letter to Ms. Brown regarding her "investigation" into Nolan's case that all Noble did was read previous court orders when the CIC committee should be looking at the fillings of the defendant not simply rehashing old court orders. What made it clear to me that Ms. Noble did not do an adequate job and most likely her only action was reading the old orders was my trip to the Court House in Reno with Ms. Brown this past July 2019 when I flew in for a Police accountability and transparency event. I was there when Ms. Brown had to request the post conviction filings be retrieved from the archive's facility off site They were not available on the computer system as they had never been scanned since they changed over to a new computer system. Noble had closed her CIC review into Nolan's case months before this. Now unless the DA's office had the original filing sitting over in their office for the past 30 years there is no way Jennifer Noble could have reviewed those documents. She did not have access to them! What is the point of having a conviction integrity committee if they aren't going to truly investigate the case? It is clear from the way Washoe County CIC is operating, and Ms. Noble's presentations that a legislatively mandated Public Integrity Unit is desperately needed to ensure that those who have maintained their innocence have the proper thorough review of their case not just a rereading of he court orders as it appears Washoe CIC does. The legislature needs to see the flaws so that they can be corrected!

I am urging you all to support and recommend an amendment to the petition for exoneration law to include posthumously in your recommendations to the legislature. The family of these people who paid the ultimate price and suffered the ultimate travesty of justice dying in jail INNOCENT deserve an avenue to remedy the wrong!

I don't think people realize or appreciate the personal attacks and ridicule Ms. Brown has faced over the years as an advocate for not just her deceased wrongfully convicted brother but also as an advocate for the Inmates and the innocent. I have heard an extremely disparaging voicemail that was left on Ms. Brown's home answering machine. The verbal abuse amongst others things is not something she should be subjected to just because she has fought to clear her brothers name for 30 years. I also attended a protest this past July with Ms. Brown. The City Attorney Karl Hall actually passed the protest in his vehicle and while stopped at the red light Ms. Brown called out to him Karl Hall you sat on the perjury complain against Shelly O'Neill until the statute of limitations ran out", Karl proudly declared from his vehicle YES I DID! I was with Ms. Brown when she filed a police report regarding this with RPD. I

watched the Washoe County Commissioners Meeting/Reno City council joint meeting where Ms. Brown informed Karl she had filed a police report. I would think the city attorney would have immediately taken action, had the report Ms. Brown filed been false!

Perhaps one of the most appalling things I have seen has come from a former Reno Police Officer Jim Gibbs. Mr. Gibbs has made a Facebook page under the name Frank Castle as well as running the Facebook page Reno Police History. He has used it to spread false information in regards to Nolan Klein's case. The abusive language directed at Ms. Brown is unfathomable that it would be coming from a former LEO.... But it is! What's even more troubling is the fact this former officer claims to work with the Innocence Project! Imagine that a man who went out of his way to create a page to slander an advocate for the wrongfully convicted but he also supports the Innocence Project? Doesn't make sense and it is extremely concerning to say the least. Through all of this Ms. Brown perseveres in her advocacy for the Innocent and the inmates. She will not rest until the playing field is leveled for all.

What if Demarlo Barry had died in jail. Would exonerating his name been any less important?

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