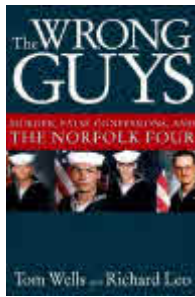


Affidavit Alleges Detective Robert Glenn Ford Told Witness The Norfolk Four Are Innocent

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False confession expert Dr. Richard Leo co-wrote *The Wrong Guys* about the Norfolk Four case.

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Williams has a pending *habeas corpus* petition that seeks to overturn his convictions. Williams' pro bono attorney Donald Salzman has filed an Affidavit in support of his petition that Detective Ford told a witness that he thinks the Norfolk Four are innocent. The Affidavit states:

"Detective Ford has stated that he believes that the Norfolk Four are innocent

of the rape and murder for which they have been convicted."

Salzman writes in his Affidavit that the witness is identified in the Affidavit as "Witness A" because the witness fears retaliation. Another witness describes concerns in the Norfolk Police Department prior to the Norfolk Four's convictions about the lack of evidence against them other than their confessions.

After the Affidavit was filed Ford's attorney denied that Ford has told anyone the Norfolk Four are innocent.

For additional information about the Norfolk Four case read 'The 'Norfolk Four' Convicted of Brutal Rape And Murder Committed By Lone Assailant,' by Larry Tice, *Justice Denied* Issue 30, January 2006.

Source:

"Witness: Norfolk detective took \$19,000 bribe," *The Virginian-Pilot*, October 21, 2010.

"Report: Ex-detective thinks Norfolk Four innocent," *The Virginian-Pilot*, December 21, 2010.

Norfolk Four Detective Sentenced To 12-1/2 Years In Federal Prison For Extortion And Lying To The FBI

Former Norfolk, Virginia Detective Robert Glenn Ford was convicted on October 27, 2010, by a federal court jury in Norfolk of two extortion counts and one count of lying to the FBI.

During Ford's trial numerous witnesses testified he accepted bribes in exchange for favors. In 2003 he took a \$19,000 bribe to stop a drug raid. Most of the bribes testified to were for between \$3,500 and \$4,500.

Ford was sentenced on February 25, 2011 to 12 years and 6 months in federal prison. Ford, who had been free on bail pending his sentencing, was immediately taken into custody to begin serving his sentence.



Robert Glenn Ford entering the Norfolk, Virginia federal courthouse for his sentencing. (L. Todd Spencer -- *The Virginian-Pilot*)

U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Friedman justified sentencing Ford above the federal sentencing guidelines by describing Ford's conduct as "dishonest, detrimental, unethical" and "an abuse of power."

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Ford's convictions involved cases unrelated to the Norfolk Four prosecution.

It is all too rare poetic justice that Ford is imprisoned while the Norfolk Four who were imprisoned because of his testimony they confessed, have been freed.

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