

## Full Circle: A True Story of Murder, Lies, and Vindication Is Now Available

Full Circle: A True Story of Murder, Lies, and Vindication, by Gloria Killian and Sandra Kobrin (New Horizon Press, 2012) is now available.

Full Circle tells the story of how Gloria Killian was wrongly incarcerated for more than 19 years for a murder in Sacramento, California she had nothing to do with.

It began as a simple robbery in December 1981. A man dressed as a phone repairman knocked at the door of coin collector Ed Davies. Once inside, the stranger pulled a gun on Ed and his wife, Grace, handcuffed and hogtied the couple and opened the door for his partner. After filling six suitcases with silver and gold coins, they fatally shot Davies in the head twice and his wife once, then fled. Hours later, with a bullet lodged in her head, Grace crawled out to the sidewalk where a neighbor found her.

Eventually, the killers were found and convicted of murder. After their sentencing, one told the prosecutor that a third year law student named Gloria Killian had masterminded the robbery. The prosecutor went after her with zeal, and she was tried, convicted and sent to jail, all the while proclaiming she knew nothing of the crime. While in jail, she began advocating for the humane treatment and release of women in prison.

Ten years later, one of the defense attorneys discovered exculpatory evidence, hidden documents, prosecutorial misconduct and perjury. Then Killian's fight for freedom began, which culminated with the Ninth

## Clinton Treadway Imprisoned For 7 Years Because His Name Was Misspelled In A Police Report

Clinton Treadway has been released from prison after more than 7 years of imprisonment for check forgery and grand theft that was actually committed by persons who stole his identification.

In 2005 Treadway was living in Dundee, Florida when he reported to the police that his identification had been stolen. After he reported the theft his identification was used to cash stolen checks at four banks in Polk County.

When questioned the 21-year-old Treadway told the police his identification had been stolen and he had reported it. When the police checked they didn't find that Treadway had reported the theft of his ID.

None of the bank tellers identified Treadway as the person who cashed the checks when they were shown his photo by police investigators. When shown the bank surveillance photos, all of Treadway's coworkers at his two jobs told the police that the person in the photos was not Treadway. That wasn't surprising because Treadway had dark hair, a slender face and didn't wear any earrings, while the photos showed the signer of the checks was a blond man with a heavy face and wearing earrings.

However, Treadway was charged in June 2005 with four counts of forgery and four counts of grand theft based on the use of his ID to cash the checks, and that he had lied his identification had been stolen. He was arrested on June 11, 2005 and he was held in custody since he couldn't make bail.

Circuit Court of Appeals overturning her conviction in March 2002, <u>describing the</u> prosecution's star witness as a "thoroughly discredited" perjurer. She was released five months later when the prosecution conceded it had no case and dropped the charges against her.

Full Circle documents a relentless, exciting and gripping true story that shows how a life can be ruined in a split second. Full Circle also makes the terrifying point that what happened to Killian can happen to anyone.

Full Circle can be purchased from bookstores or online at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble, and Powells.com.



Clinton Adam Treadway (April 2005)

Although there was no positive identification by a witness Treadway cashed the checks and a defense expert testified the signatures on the cashed checks didn't match Treadway's handwriting, a jury convicted him of all eight counts on January 12, 2006. In

February 2006 Treadway was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 30 years of probation.

After languishing in prison for more than six years a relative received a victim notification form in the mail sent to "Clinton Tudway," concerning an identity theft ring investigation by The Office of the Statewide Prosecutor. Realizing that Treadway's name had been misspelled when he reported the theft of his identification in 2005, his relatives hired a lawyer. The lawyer's investigator discovered that not only had Treadway's name been misspelled by the police as "Tuadway" when he made his report, but his identification had likely been stolen by a female co-worker and that one of the suspected members of the theft ring resembled the man in the bank surveillance photos.

Based on the new evidence Treadway was the victim of identity theft and wasn't the man who cashed the stolen checks, his <u>lawyer filed a</u> Motion For Post-Conviction Relief. The motion was granted on July 3, 2012 and the judge ordered a new trial. The State's Attorney filed a *nolle prosequi* on July 3. After serving 7 years and 25 days of his 10 year sentence, the 28-year-old Treadway <u>was released</u> on July 5, 2012.

Assistant State Attorney Victoria Avalon told a reporter the charges were dropped because Treadway was entitled to a new trial and there was reasonable doubt of his guilt.

On August 1, 2012 Florida State Senator Paula Dockery (R-Lakeland) <u>filed a special</u> claims bill (SB46) that if passed by the legislature and signed by Florida's governor would <u>award Treadway</u> \$350,000 in compensation, and college tuition and fees. Then, Dockery <u>withdrew the bill</u> on August 22 prior to it being formally introduced.

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