

# RIGHT TO BE FREE

## SECOND CHANCE FOR LIFERS



Disgraced Detective James Pitts (while on-duty, left | mugshot, right)

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On March 3, 2022, DA Larry Krasner announced that veteran Philadelphia homicide detective James Pitts, was formally charged with perjury and obstructing the administration of law which stemmed from the violent tactics and false statements that led to the wrongful conviction of Obina Onyiah in a 2010 homicide.

A grand jury determined that Pitts “habitually used coercive interrogation techniques when interviewing suspects and witnesses in the homicide unit and lied under oath to conceal his criminal acts”.

Onyiah was exonerated in May of 2021 after the D.A.’s Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) had determined that Onyiah’s physical height automatically eliminates him as being the culprit of this crime, facts proven by a photogrammetry expert.

Onyiah’s defense Attorney, Teri Himebaugh has been an incredible advocate within the reform movement, fighting against police corruption and has meticulously examined cases handled by Pitts.

Also, Attorney Himebaugh is the Executive Director of the Police Transparency Project that seeks to gather information and documentation about specific homicide detectives’ and supervisors’ participation in these abuses and to make that information readily accessible to attorneys, defendants, and the general public. Attorney Himebaugh is at the forefront, fighting for real justice.

Pitts is scheduled for a Status Hearing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am in room 801 (MC-51-CR-0003501-2022). I will keep you updated and continue to fight for your... Right To Be Free!

## Accepting Submissions

### *Make Your Voice Heard*

My mission here is to **publicize** your personal stories, accomplishments, achievements, rehabilitation, and request for clemency directly to many outside sources that could assist you in your fight for release (Senators, Legislators, House of Representatives, City Council, Non-Profit Organizations, General Public). **Your submission will be edited and uploaded via Change.org to solicit signatures in support of your release.** Although I am a **Certified Paralegal**, I do **not and cannot** give legal advice. Limit your submissions to no more than one (1) standard size manilla envelope with no more than 20 pages. Also, please include your case docket number.

### Submission Requirements:

- **Must** be serving Life Without Parole
- **Must** be housed in a PA State Prison

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