

BRADY DISCLOSURE REGARDING DEPUTY GLENN EDWARD THOMPSON FINGERPRINT MISIDENTIFICATION

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Pursuant to our obligation under federal and state law to disclose exculpatory, impeachment, and mitigating evidence, the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office makes the following disclosure:

In 2018, the Conviction Integrity Unit of the District Attorney's Office conducted a habeas investigation in response to an applicant's claim that the applicant did not commit the prior felony conviction used to enhance his punishment range at trial. Pursuant to said investigation, three fingerprint experts for the State independently concluded that, indeed, the applicant's fingerprints DID NOT match those associated with the prior conviction used to enhance his punishment range.

Such enhancement was established at trial on March 29, 2000, through the fingerprint testimony of nowdeceased Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Glenn Edward Thompson. Deputy Thompson was employed with the Dallas County Sheriff's Office from February 17, 1992 until July 2, 2002. He was also employed with the Dallas Police Department from August 24, 1965 to March 17, 1987.

On February 27, 2019, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals entered an order dismissing the application for writ of habeas corpus giving rise to this investigation, but in so doing, assumed without holding that the enhancement paragraph set out in the indictment and found true by the jury involved a conviction committed by another convicted person. The Court of Criminal Appeals ultimately denied relief because the applicant failed to demonstrate harm, since he had other prior felony convictions available for enhancement purposes.

The State attempted to obtain information from various sources in an effort to create a list of cases in which Deputy Glenn E. Thompson made fingerprint identifications. However, such efforts proved to be largely unsuccessful. As such, this general notice is provided in order to effectuate notice of this issue. Please feel free to distribute this information to anyone whose case may have involved Deputy Glenn E. Thompson's fingerprint identification.

If you believe a person's case merits post-conviction review with regard to this specific issue, please prepare a written request for review and submit it to the Conviction Integrity Unit, 133 N. Riverfront Blvd., LB 19, Dallas, Texas 75207.

Sincerely,

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