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**CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL MAIL**

January 25, 2017

Mr. Ernesto Behrens, #732564  
Martin Correctional Institution,  
1150 S.W. Allapattah Road  
Indiantown, Florida 34956-4397

Dear Mr. Behrens,

I hope this message finds you well. We still require materials that will better help us decide whether we can help you. It would be of great assistance to our investigation if you, or an advocate on your behalf, are able to send us copies of the following documents:

- Motion for DNA Testing, filed 10/27/2003
- State's Response to Motion for DNA Testing, filed 7/2/2004
- Court's Order on Motion for DNA Testing, filed 8/2/2004

At this time, the Innocence Project of Florida has not agreed to represent you. Our office is in the process of investigating whether or not we are able to represent you. This process takes time and during this time we are aware there are deadlines you may have to comply with in the courts. These deadlines may include (but are not limited to) the one-year deadline for filing habeas corpus in federal court and the two-year deadline for filing a postconviction motion in state court under Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.850. At this time, complying with these deadlines is your responsibility. However, should you file anything with the courts, our office would appreciate that you send us a copy as well. Therefore, we can have a complete updated case file to review.

Please send **ONLY** what we have requested. Please keep in mind that the review and investigation phase of our intake procedure can be very time consuming. If you are unable to provide us with the above materials, please let us know and we will attempt to obtain them from outside sources. Your continued patience throughout this process is very much appreciated. Once we receive these documents and thoroughly review them, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adina M Thompson  
Intake Coordinator