

Stage One of page two:

Certificate of Verifiable Innocence (COVI)

Below the opening page is a **certificate of verifiable innocence**. You will find it inserted sideways so it can be printed with the other pages. Some versions of this form offer a tab dedicated to both the above Notification and this Certificate for easier use. Until you complete the form, this certificate will appear as below.



Stage Two:

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After completing the form up to section F, this changes to something similar to the image below. Yours, of course, will list your name (or the claimant you represent) and your specific estimated innocence score.

The current version gives you “Vouched by VALUE RELATING”. Later versions will require a paid subscription for such backing. The bottom right will then state: “Vouched by many of Claimant’s supporters”. The lower left date is whenever you save it to a PDF, as explained in the general instructions.



Stage Three:

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Again, this stage is still in development. You can help shape it by letting us know your pressing needs.

Uses for Estimated Innocence

Uses for the NOVI and COVI

Uses for both incarcerated and released claimants:

- post on the claimant’s call-for-justice website
- media kit on such a website
- use on social media to attract support
- accompany a letter to media outlets
- accompany a letter to appellate counsel
- accompany a letter to pro bono attorney
- accompany a letter to elected officials
- accompany Innocence Project questionnaire
- accompany Conviction Integrity Unit form
- accompany a letter to the local prosecutor

Uses specific to incarcerated claimants:

- peer support with other incarcerated claimants
- present to prison counselor
- present to unit manager
- present to the parole board
- send to parole placement officials

Uses specific to released claimants:

- counselor/transition support
- employment application process
- housing application process
- debt collectors
- police encounters



“We know without doubt that the vast majority of innocent defendants who are convicted of crimes are never identified and cleared.”

- Samuel Gross, editor of the National Registry of Exonerations, as reported in 2015 in the *Washington Post*.

Have you been wrongly convicted?

You can stay submitted to power and wait for some lawyers to eventually find the time to discover you’ve been wrongly convicted.

OR...

You can *speak truth to power* by filling out the **Estimated Innocence Form** and discover your level of likely innocence with an instant score.

The Estimated Innocence Form (EIF)

Let the facts of your case calculate your likely innocence.

The Estimated Innocence Form is a spreadsheet tool you can download for free. As you use it, the document goes through three stages.

Stage one: default settings. Before filling out the form, the very first page gives you General Instructions. All white fields are blank. The certificate and messaging items are generally blank. Calculated innocence and verification progress start at zero.

Stage two: completed form. After filling out the form, this first page at the top turns into a Notification of Verifiable Innocence. The certificate fills in with the claimant's name, and its text gives the estimated percentage level of innocence. Messaging items fill in once you select a sender, recipient and message title. The calculated innocence number will likely be higher than the verification progress number.

Stage three: independently verified. Once your claim is independently verified, it changes again into a Notification of Verified Innocence with more authoritative language. The certificate wording changes, going from "Verifiable" to "Verified" Innocence. The more the claimed elements can be independently verified, the more likely the verification progress number will go higher than the estimated innocence number.

This webpage highlights the opening "display pages" you can use without cost. The messaging features are geared toward our advocacy support service, which requires a subscription.

Stage One of page one:

General Instructions

The most important parts of these opening instructions repeat later in the form. Or you can come back to this webpage to check the original instructions.

This will appear on a light green background with a yellow frame, as pictured below.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

First, to use this form, click on UNASCSE.EDUCING. Then save a copy of this form on your computer, using the Save As option in the File menu of Excel.

Next, fill out the form below. After filling in every field, these instructions turn into a notification of verifiable innocence. Once verified, it changes again to a notification of verified innocence.

Basic instructions:

1. Fill in each white field with your best answer. Most fields use dropdown menus.
2. After filling in every field, the last item to answer, save this document.
3. Scroll back to the top and review this Notification of Verifiable Innocence.

Basic instructions:

1. Select the cells A1 through F47 for the first two pages, to F155 for the first five pages.
2. While cells are selected, go to Page Layout tab, Page Setup, Print Area, set print area.
3. Then select the File menu. Click on Save As. Choose a location on your device.
4. Below File name, click Save as type dropdown list and select "PDF (*.pdf)".
5. Click the Save button at the lower right of the dialog box.
6. Review your saved version in your Acrobat PDF Reader.
7. To preserve the original print-view settings, close this copy without saving changes. The default setting lets you print the whole spreadsheet through the last page.

Potential uses for your Notification and Certificate of Innocence:

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2. While cells are selected, go to Page Layout tab, Page Setup, Print Area, set print area.
3. Then select the File menu. Click on Save As. Choose a location on your device.
4. Below File name, click Save as type dropdown list and select "PDF (*.pdf)".
5. Click the Save button at the lower right of the dialog box.

Receive support how to best use this tool. Explore our support and advocacy options.

1. Join the Facebook group "The Unconvicted" to engage others interested in this tool.
2. Ask a live discussion on The Unconvicted to talk directly with the creator of this tool.
3. Book one at <https://www.vakarelatng.com/bookings/check-out/vacare/vacare>.

This is a pioneering tool. You could be among the first to utilize this radical approach. You could help make history. But it comes without any promises. By using this tool, you agree to our terms of use and privacy policy. As a new approach to address the problem of wrongful convictions, you agree we cannot guarantee it will result in exoneration. But it may improve some outcomes.

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Most of the text automatically converts to this Notification, based on your answers to the form. Under the section for correlating factors, you will see white dropdown menus at first. Once you select an item from the dropdown list, the background turns back to its light green shade.

This will appear similar to the image below. Yours will reflect your specific situation and use your name, or the name of the claimant you represent.

Notification of Verifiable Innocence

PLEASE BE INFORMED that Steph Turner faithfully asserts that he was wrongly convicted in 1993. Since then, he consistently maintains his innocence.

PLEASE BE INFORMED that Steph asserts these six known factors common in wrongful convictions, he identified 26 other important factors known to wrongful conviction the innocent.

PLEASE BE INFORMED that federal or prisoners rarely claim full or actual innocence.

- Most admit to the charged criminal activity while denying it caused harm.
- Most complain about the harsh punishment for their admitted offenses.
- Only about 13% claim actual innocence, asserting they played no role in any crime.

PLEASE BE INFORMED of the factors concerning Steph's likely innocence:

- Steph has always maintained his innocence.
- Steph faced a lengthy "trial penalty" sentence.
- Steph served the full sentence because of maintaining his innocence.
- Steph has no other criminal history.
- Investigative investigation and prosecution.
- Exoneratory evidence overlooked with untested DNA.
- Climate of use about hysteria.

Do you suppose Steph is compensated all this to "game" the system?

PLEASE BE INFORMED of the scope of the problem of wrongful convictions in the U.S.

- Steph has always maintained his innocence.
- Steph faced a lengthy "trial penalty" sentence.
- Steph served the full sentence because of maintaining his innocence.
- Steph has no other criminal history.
- Investigative investigation and prosecution.

PLEASE BE AWARE of the wrongful conviction's impact on Steph's capacity to resist it.

- Steph's economic capacity has been damaged, so he cannot afford court costs.
- This claim is not yet verified, due largely to economic and financial damage.
- Steph is more vulnerable to ecological discrimination under code of law.

PLEASE BE AWARE you are in a position that could risk harm to the innocent. From this point forward, your actions toward Steph are to be documented. Helpful actions may be used against you in the court of public opinion. Supportive actions shall be appreciated. Any response or the name of justice can no longer be selected. Thank you for your sympathetic understanding.

Stage Three:

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This version is still under development. The more we learn from you how this tool can be shaped to meet your needs, the sooner we can present an example here.

There is far more to this tool than can fit on a one-sheet brochure. To make this work, incarcerated claimants work through a reliable representative. They can provide you with more information. They can send you a paper version of this spreadsheet form. They are to transfer your answers on your behalf, and can then send you a printout with your automatically calculated estimated innocence score. They can send you copies of your NOVI & COVI. And relay your thoughts and concerns to me.