



OFFICE OF THE KANKAKEE COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY

Policies of the Conviction Integrity Unit

1. The CIU will not consider claims presented through telephone calls. All claims must be submitted in writing using the CIU form.
2. Please be aware that the CIU retains documents or items sent to us. We do NOT return items sent to us, so please send us copies if you need to retain an original.
3. An investigation by the CIU is not an appeal or other post-conviction proceeding. A submission to the CIU does not extend any appellate timelines and does not toll the statute of limitations for seeking federal habeas relief. Convicted persons should consult with an attorney to decide whether to pursue their case in court.
4. Because the conviction review process is not an adversarial proceeding, the CIU may defer acting on a submission if an appeal or other post-conviction proceeding is filed or pending. Convicted persons should consult with an attorney to decide whether to pursue their case in court.
5. By statute, at the conclusion of the CIU's investigation the Kankakee County State's Attorney will make the final determination on all reviews of claims of innocence; we will seek to resolve the case by agreement utilizing appropriate legal and constitutional grounds for relief. Every case is different. Options available may include but are not limited to upholding the conviction, conviction reversal, case dismissal, re-sentencing or a retrial.

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