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Ontario Court of Appeal to rule on wrongful conviction of Sherry Sherrett-Robinson

Toronto, Canada – December 6, 2009 – On Monday, December 7, 2009, Sherry Sherrett-Robinson’s appeal will be heard from her conviction for infanticide as a result of the death of her four-month-old baby, Joshua, on January 23, 1996, at his home in Belleville, Ontario. Ms. Sherrett-Robinson’s case has been backed by The Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AIDWYC) since she first came to them for help in 2006.

“I’ve waited a long time for this day. I’m really nervous but I am sure it will come out right,” said Ms. Sherrett-Robinson this weekend.

Ms. Sherrett-Robinson was convicted of infanticide in 1999, largely on the testimony of disgraced forensic pathologist Dr. Charles Smith. In addition to being sent to prison for a year, Ms. Sherrett-Robinson had her 18-month-old son, Austin, taken from her by the authorities. He has since been adopted and his mother has not seen him for ten years.

“We are hoping for the best on Monday,” said James Lockyer, one of the lawyers who will be representing Ms. Sherrett-Robinson in the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The appeal is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2009, in Courtroom 2 of the Ontario Court of Appeal at the Osgoode Hall Courthouse, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto. Sherry Sherrett-Robinson will be there to hear her appeal being argued.

AIDWYC is a non-profit legal organization advocating for wrongly convicted Canadians. Its clients are mostly poor and forgotten, and have exhausted all of their legal avenues for relief. In addition to championing the cause of innocent persons who have been wrongly convicted, the organization also works to prevent wrongful convictions through legal education and reform.

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