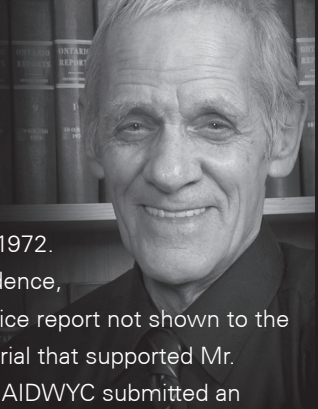


**AIDWYC CASE EXAMPLES**

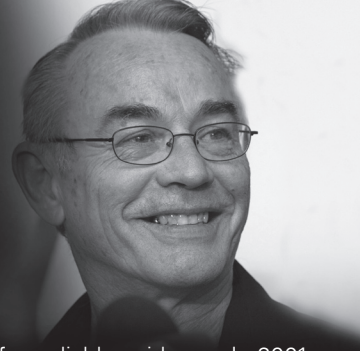
**Romeo Phillion** (ON)

Romeo Phillion was convicted of murder in 1972. Decades later, new evidence, surfaced including a police report not shown to the defence at the original trial that supported Mr. Phillion's alibi. In 2003, AIDWYC submitted an application for Ministerial Review, including fresh new evidence. After nearly 32 years in prison, his conviction was quashed by the Ontario Court of Appeal and a new trial ordered. In April 2010, Romeo Phillion's charges were withdrawn.



**Steven Truscott** (ON)

Steven Truscott was sentenced to death in 1959 at the age of 14 for the murder of 12-year-old Lynne Harper, on the basis of unreliable evidence. In 2001, AIDWYC submitted an application for Ministerial Review, including fresh new evidence. In 2007, the Ontario Court of Appeal acquitted Steven Truscott based on the fresh evidence, concluding "that Mr. Truscott's conviction was a miscarriage of justice and must be quashed."



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**Other people AIDWYC has helped exonerate:**

Robert Baltovich (ON), James Driskell (MB), Anthony Hanemaayer (ON), Clayton Johnson (NS), David Milgaard (SK), William Mullins-Johnson (ON), Gregory Parsons (NL), Sherry Sherrett-Robinson (ON), Thomas Sophonow (MB), Kyle Unger (MB), and Erin Walsh (NB).

These exonerated individuals have collectively spent approximately 147 years incarcerated for crimes they did not commit.



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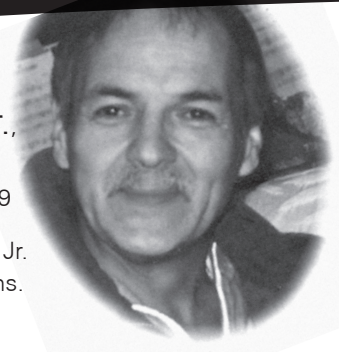
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**TRIBUTE TO:**

**Donald Marshall Jr.,**

Born: September 13, 1953  
Passed Away: August 6, 2009

The case of Donald Marshall Jr. is significant for many reasons. Perhaps most importantly:



- His case was the first recognized wrongful conviction in Canada
- His case precipitated the first inquiry into the causes of a wrongful conviction
- He was the first person to be compensated for damages sustained as a result of a wrongful conviction.

Donald Marshall's exoneration gave the gift of hope to countless other wrongly convicted persons languishing in Canadian prisons. The wrongly convicted who followed in Donald's footsteps will be forever indebted to his indomitable spirit, tenacity and courage.

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**"I knew I was innocent, my lawyers knew I was innocent, but it didn't seem to matter."**  
- Guy Paul Morin

## MISSION

AIDWYC is a Canadian, not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to preventing and rectifying wrongful convictions.

AIDWYC has two broad objectives:

1. Participating in the review and correction of homicide cases of wrongful conviction; and
2. Eradicating the conditions that give rise to miscarriages of justice

## HISTORY

AIDWYC is the direct successor of the Justice for Guy Paul Morin Committee, a group of dedicated volunteer advocates who joined forces to assist Mr. Morin following his wrongful conviction for murder. After Mr. Morin was finally released in 1993, these volunteers continued the fight against wrongful convictions by reconstituting themselves as the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted. AIDWYC was born in May 1993 and, finally, the many others wrongly convicted of homicide had someone to stand with them.

## WHAT CAN AIDWYC DO FOR YOU?

Not everyone who claims to have been wrongly convicted is innocent. AIDWYC only champions cases where a thorough investigation establishes that the individual in question is *factually innocent*.

- AIDWYC will review and assess your case. If innocence is established, AIDWYC will provide legal representation and support you in your efforts to seek exoneration and offer vital support to help you and your family deal with the trauma of wrongful conviction.
- Currently, AIDWYC is championing the causes of more than a dozen individuals, and is reviewing over fifty claims of innocence.

## Four of Canada's WRONGLY CONVICTED

left to right: Steven Truscott, Ronald Dalton, David Milgaard, Gregory Parsons



## WHAT WE STAND FOR

AIDWYC's primary mandate is to review and support claims of innocence in homicide cases. However, because individual exonerations do not eliminate the conditions which foster these terrible miscarriages of justice, AIDWYC is also dedicated to addressing the causes of wrongful conviction by:

- Making recommendations to governments on reforms to the legal system
- Raising public awareness about miscarriages of justice
- Participating in public inquiries related to wrongful convictions
- Intervening in legal cases which seek to rectify miscarriages of justice

## MAIN CAUSES OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

Eyewitness misidentification  
Police mishandling of the investigation  
Police tunnel vision  
Prosecutorial misconduct  
Ineffective representation  
Inadequate resources  
Unreliable scientific evidence  
False confessions  
Jailhouse informants  
Misleading circumstantial evidence  
Judicial bias

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