

# Wrongfully Convicted

(The innocence project)  
OLC Beckett 2013



**Description:** The law is an important thing to our society—but the legal system is run by people and people make mistakes. In this project you will research a person who went to jail for a crime he or she didn't commit.

**Task:** Your job is to research one of the following Canadians wrongfully convicted

1. David Millgaard
2. Guy Paul Morrin
3. Steven Truscott
4. Donald Marshall Jr
5. Simon Marshall
6. James Driskell
7. William Mullins-Johnson
8. Erin Walsh
9. Romeo Phillion
10. Sherry Sherret
11. Louise Reynolds
12. Tammy Marquardt

- Or Find another Canadian person that is Wrongfully Convicted and clear it with Beckett

**Product:**

One poster that should be:

- Decorated with original art or lettering;
- Colorful, eye-catching and good-looking. (Not just internet pictures printed off and pasted!);
- All original words and your own text. Any "cut and paste plagiarism" will result in a mark of zero;

The poster must include:

- A List of sources.
- Five typed paragraphs (see below)
- Five pieces of art or pictures (at least one original )

**Process:**

1. Research your topic to find sources.
  - a. Find, at least, one news resource (may be a reputable internet news paper source)
  - b. Find, at least, one internet resource other than wikipedia
  - c. You may also use wikipedia
2. Write your five research paragraphs
  - a. One paragraph describing the basic facts of the crime.
  - b. One paragraph describing the trial and what happened
  - c. One paragraph on the sentence the person received and the efforts to free him
  - d. One paragraph on any blame to the police or legal system. What did the cops or courts do wrong?
  - e. One paragraph on your take on this miscarriage of justice. What do you think of what happened. What do you suggest are solutions to this problem?
3. Write a list showing all of the sources you have used.
4. Glue all paragraphs onto the Bristol board. Include pictures and art. Use original art and make the poster interesting. Ugliness will guarantee a poor mark so make the poster pretty!!

**Due Date** \_\_\_\_\_