

PRESS RELEASE

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STEVEN TRUSCOTT'S STRUGGLE FOR EXONERATION

Today a new book is being launched entitled **“Until You Are Dead”: Steven Truscott’s Long Ride Into History**. In the book, Julian Sher makes a compelling case that Mr. Truscott was wrongly convicted of the murder of Lynne Harper in 1959.

Naturally, the book will raise new questions about Mr. Truscott’s conviction and what is being done to establish his innocence.

In February of this year, the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AIDWYC) introduced Mr. Truscott at a press conference in Toronto and announced that we had taken on his case because we were convinced of his innocence. Since that time, we have been preparing an application on his behalf to the Minister of Justice to request that she review his case pursuant to her power under section 690 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

We expect to complete our work in November of this year, at which time we will release to the public a copy of our brief to the Minister. At that time, Mr. Truscott will be prepared to speak publicly about his case. In the meantime, Mr. Truscott would prefer not to be interviewed and asks that he not be directly contacted by the media or the public. Since his release from the penitentiary in 1969, he has attempted to protect his family as much as possible from both the notoriety and celebrity that have surrounded his case.

Mr. Truscott does, however, particularly wish to express his thanks to Julian Sher for the work he has put into this book.

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