

## **Judge Grants Ben LaGuer a Hearing**

We are pleased to announce that Superior Court Associate Justice Richard T. Tucker, who has presided over Ben LaGuer's case since May 2011, has found sufficient merit in Ben's petition for a new trial to order a hearing at 2PM September 9, 2011. This is very exciting news for all of us who share Ben's hope that justice will come to him and not too late for him to enjoy his freedom in good health and spirit.

The hearing will be held at the Worcester Regional Judicial Center, 225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

"I am innocent," Ben LaGuer said yesterday. "I hope this hearing is the first step to exposing the truth about the DNA evidence. The language of evidence tampering and concealment of key police and forensic reports may seem gutter to some with fancy law degrees, but these are the facts that prosecutors have crawled out of a sewer with, to defend a verdict which is based on racial bias and abuse of authority. I am grateful to Judge Tucker for opening up this process to what I expect will lead to a full scale evidentiary hearing -- where newly discovered and previously withheld reports can be put in exhibit, and witnesses can be made to answer questions under oath. I would like to invite friends to share this very important event and possibly turning point in my life."

Defense attorney Robert E. Terk ([978.808.7154](tel:978.808.7154)) will be representing Ben, but we expect Ben will make a detailed statement in support of his life and defense. We expect Ben's family and a large group of his supporters and friends to attend. The website [www.BenLaGuer.org](http://www.BenLaGuer.org) will be regularly updated between now and then.

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