

Amnesty International & NAACP



JUSTICE MATTERS!

Rally to Save Troy Davis



Tuesday, Sept. 30

7pm - 9pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site

450 Auburn Avenue

(in front of Ebenezer Baptist Church)

- MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT -

No physical evidence + No murder weapon

+ Witness recantations = NO EXECUTION!

Please sign the petition: www.amnestyusa.org/troydavis

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Background Information

The case against Troy Davis unravels...

Davis was sent to death row in 1991 for the shooting of a white police officer in Savannah, but serious questions about his guilt have surfaced. An execution date may be set as early as October 2008!

The conviction was based on NO physical evidence

The murder weapon was never found.

7 of 9 witnesses have recanted or changed their story

Many alleged coercion by the police.

One of the witnesses may be the *actual* murderer!

Of the two remaining witnesses against Davis, one has been implicated by nine people in sworn affidavits!

Severe cuts to Georgia's legal defense resources and recent legal restrictions on death penalty law have created huge obstacles to a fair appeals process. The courts have been very rigid and unwilling to review the new evidence supporting Davis's innocence, which emerged after his conviction.

Witnesses reveal a different story from the one told to jurors!

Quotes from witnesses' statements

"[The police] were telling me that I was an accessory to murder and that I would ... go to jail for a long time and I would be lucky if I ever got out, especially because a police officer got killed...I was only sixteen and was so scared of going to jail."

"After the officers talked to me, they gave me a statement and told me to sign it. I signed it. I did not read it because I cannot read ... I was totally unsure whether he was the person who shot the officer. I felt pressured to point at him ... I have no idea what the person who shot the officer looks like."

"The police came and talked to me and put a lot of pressure on me.... They wanted me to tell them that Troy confessed to me about killing that officer. The thing is, Troy never told me anything about it. I got tired of them harassing me I told them that Troy did it, but it wasn't true."

"People on the streets were talking about Sylvester Coles being involved with killing the police officer, so one day I asked him if he was involved Sylvester told me he did shoot the officer."

"I am positive that it was Red [Coles] who shot the police officer... [He] was wearing a white shirt...I had no idea that the shirt...was important because no one ever asked me...I would have testified to this but I was not asked by the state or by Troy's lawyers."

For further information, please read the
Amnesty International report: "Where is the Justice for Me?" at www.amnestyusa.org/troydavis