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MARTIN TANKLEFF SETTLES LAWSUIT AGAINST STATE OF NEW YORK

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The lawsuit filed by Martin Tankleff against the State of New York settled today for \$3,375,000. Mr. Tankleff filed the suit in 2010 under section 8-b of New York's Court of Claims Act ("Claims for unjust conviction and imprisonment"). This settlement represents the State's share of Mr. Tankleff's damages from over seventeen years of wrongful imprisonment for the 1988 murders of his parents, Arlene and Seymour Tankleff.

Tankleff was released from prison on December 27, 2007 after the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, Second Department vacated his conviction and all charges were finally dropped on July 22, 2008 upon the motion of the Attorney General. Mr. Tankleff also filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in the Eastern District of New York against Suffolk County and former Detective K. James McCready, among others.

That suit is ongoing. Now that the lawsuit against the State is behind him, Mr. Tankleff and his legal team look forward to vigorously pursuing his claims against Detective McCready and the County. "We have developed powerful new forensic evidence demonstrating Marty's innocence and showing that his parents were murdered by assailants who acted with efficiency and brutality," said Barry Scheck of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin.

Martin Tankleff stated, "I'd like to thank my family and friends who have stood by me for the past twenty-five years. I am looking forward to my federal trial, where I hope to expose the misconduct that caused my wrongful conviction so that it does not happen to anyone else."

Tankleff's legal team includes Barry Scheck of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, as well as Barry Pollack of Miller & Chevalier and Bruce Barket of Barket, Marion, Epstein & Kearon. Pollack and Barket are among the lawyers who fought for over a decade to reverse Tankleff's conviction and free him from prison.

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