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Norfolk District Attorney's Office 2022 Annual Report Requests for Post-Conviction Review

The Norfolk District Attorney's Office (NDAO) maintains a Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) and Conviction Integrity Committee (CIC) to promote transparency and accountability to the end of avoidance of wrongful convictions and of promotion of public confidence in the criminal justice system. The CIU and CIC examine colorable claims of innocence and wrongful convictions and issues concerning the integrity of current and prior cases.

In November 2021, the Norfolk District Attorney's Office issued its Policy on Requests for Post-Conviction Review, as posted on the Norfolk District Attorney's Office's website, along with an intake form for requests. As per that policy, the CIU keeps a record of incoming requests, including: the date of request; the applicant; the nature the case; the requested reason for review; demographic information about the person convicted of the offense if available; victim(s) and witnesses; and a brief summary of the action taken.

For the 2022 calendar year, the Norfolk District Attorney's Office received one request. That request included insufficient information to substantively respond and was filed.