



**CLARK COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
STEVEN B. WOLFSON**

District Attorney

200 Lewis Avenue • Las Vegas, NV 89101 • 702-671-2500 • Fax: 702-455-2294 • TDD: 702-385-7486

MARY-ANNE MILLER
County Counsel

CHRISTOPHER LALLI
Assistant District Attorney

ROBERT DASKAS
Assistant District Attorney

JEFFREY J. WITTHUN
Director D.A. Family Support

BRIGID J. DUFFY
Director D.A. Juvenile

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Audrie Locke
Clark County District Attorney's Office

Phone: (702) 671-2500
Fax: (702) 868-2415
E-mail: Media@ClarkCountyDA.com

For Immediate Release

May 19, 2016

Creation of the District Attorney Conviction Integrity Unit Moving Forward

Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson has announced that funding for the proposed Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) has been identified and the creation of the unit is moving forward.

On Monday, the Board of County Commissioners approved a budget for the next fiscal year which included three positions that will be assigned to the Conviction Integrity Unit: a Chief Deputy District Attorney, a Paralegal and an Investigator.

The purpose of the CIU is to re-examine convictions where new evidence suggesting actual innocence has surfaced, and to guard against future error by adopting and implementing prosecution best practices. Several large jurisdictions across the country have established CIU's, but this will be the first of its kind in Nevada.

"I am looking forward to finally getting this team in place," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Adding a Conviction Integrity Unit brings us in line with other major jurisdictions throughout the United States. It is essential to have a formal mechanism in place to allow cases to be reviewed when evidence of innocence surfaces. We stand by all of our convictions. But, if something is brought to our attention, we will look into it."