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MEDIA ADVISORY

Court of Claims to hold first hearings under Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Act

Who: Claimants under the Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Act

What: The Court of Claims will hold the first hearing to review claims under the new *Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Act* (343 PA 2016).

Where: **Court of Claims**
Courtroom of Chief Judge Michael Talbot
Cadillac Place, 14th Floor
3020 W. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI

When: Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

Why: Sponsored by Senator Steve Bieda and Representative Stephanie Chang, the Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Act legislation provides people who were exonerated of wrongful convictions in Michigan with \$50,000 per year of imprisonment as well as some restitution for attorney fees and other expenses. Over the past 25 years, 66 people in Michigan have been exonerated of crimes they did not commit. The following cases are scheduled to be heard:

17-000090-MZ Edward Carter v State of Michigan

17-000144-MZ Marwin McHenry v State of Michigan

17-000145-MZ James Shepherd v State of Michigan

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