

## **Oklahoma is Preparing to Execute an Innocent Man While the Confessed Murderer Serves Life and the Accomplice Is Still At Large.**

*It's one of the most controversial cases in America: Richard Glossip has been on Oklahoma's death row for 23 years, even though everyone agrees it was another man, Justin Sneed, who actually committed the murder of Barry Van Treese. Glossip's conviction was based primarily on statements made by Justin Sneed. **But new evidence increasingly shows the killing was a botched robbery carried out by Sneed and a female accomplice, and Richard Glossip wasn't involved.** Now, while Sneed serves life in a medium-security prison, Glossip's execution date may be fast approaching.*

**>> The confessed murderer invented a story to satisfy detectives and save himself from a death sentence.** 19-year-old motel maintenance worker Justin Sneed initially told detectives he didn't kill his boss, Best Budget Inn owner Barry Van Treese. The detectives replied that they knew he *did*, and didn't act alone, and if he didn't name his accomplice, he'd be left "holding the bag" for the murder. Detectives fed Sneed a name: motel manager Richard Glossip. Sneed agreed to their suggestion, saying Richard had enlisted him in a robbery of Van Treese and he'd only meant to knock Van Treese out. But then, under pressure, Sneed changed his story yet again to say Glossip asked him to *kill* Van Treese so Glossip could run the motel himself. This wouldn't be the last time Sneed changed his story.

**>> Sneed's coerced accusation and ever-shifting story was the only real evidence against Glossip.** No DNA. No fingerprints. No eyewitnesses. No one else had even heard about Glossip asking Sneed to do *anything*. It was just the admitted killer's story against Glossip's. And Sneed's story? It's changed on key points at least eight times.

**>> Justin Sneed had an obvious motive for robbing Barry Van Treese: Sneed was a known thief and meth addict with a criminal record.** Glossip's state-provided lawyers at his trial never told the jury these facts about Sneed. In fact, they barely prepared for the trial at all.

**>> Prosecutors have withheld and destroyed evidence, and intimidated and even arrested witnesses.** They never turned over security camera footage or any documentation of an alleged polygraph they claim Glossip failed, and have since destroyed key physical evidence from the crime scene. To this day they refuse to let Glossip's lawyers see what they have. And those who came forward to challenge Sneed's story? The D.A. issued warrants for their arrests.

**>> Today, Justin Sneed is in a medium security prison.** Richard Glossip spends 23 hours a day in a windowless death row cell and has been given his last meal and prepared to die three times. His next execution date could be scheduled any day.

**But there's hope.**

**Glossip's team has new evidence about Sneed's true accomplice.**

29 new witnesses and experts have come forward, signed affidavits under oath, and are ready to testify. This evidence casts serious doubt on Glossip's conviction and may exonerate him:

- Multiple independent witnesses locked up with Sneed who heard him say the murder was a robbery gone wrong **carried out by Sneed and his girlfriend—and Glossip had nothing to do with it.**
- To at least one witness, **Sneed bragged about framing Glossip**, and asked them to lie in court to support his story. The witness refused.
- A witness who grew up with Sneed who said **Sneed had a history of meth use and burglary in Texas**, that **Sneed was known to be violent** and “would steal anything that wasn’t bolted to the floor.”
- **A witness who will testify to Sneed’s lure-and-rob modus operandi: Sneed regularly snuck into motel rooms while prostitutes were engaged with johns they’d lured there and brazenly stole from them.** The same witness spoke with someone who **saw Sneed’s girlfriend wearing a blood-stained shirt** the night of the murder. This witness later talked to **Sneed’s girlfriend**, and the girlfriend said **“I’m not going down for this murder.”**

**Join the growing effort to urge Governor Kevin Stitt and the Pardon and Parole Board** to order a thorough and independent investigation into this new evidence before an innocent man is executed.

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