

APPENDIX: TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

- 1990 Norfolk Police detective Robert Glenn Ford secures a series of false confessions from three teenagers in a robbery and murder known as the Lafayette Grill case. Ford is returned to uniform duty.
- 1994 Ford secures a confession from a young man named Clusbie Eaddy. After the defense demonstrates irregularities in Ford's recording of Eaddy's statement, Eaddy is acquitted in a bench trial of the most serious charge implicated by his questionable statement.
- June 24, 1997 Omar Ballard attacks Melissa Morse with a baseball bat in the Bayshore Gardens apartment complex in Norfolk.
- Late June 1997 Nicole Williams learns that she has ovarian cancer and requires surgery. Danial Williams arranges to take two weeks of leave to care for Nicole after her surgery. Danial and Nicole decide to expedite their marriage plans so that Nicole will be covered by Danial's health insurance.
- June 27, 1997 Danial and Nicole Williams marry.
- July 1, 1997 Nicole Williams enters hospital for surgery to remove cancerous tumor.
- July 5, 1997 Danial Williams' parents, Norm and Rhea Williams, arrive in Norfolk from Michigan to visit Danial and his new wife.
- July 6, 1997 Danial Williams brings Nicole home from the hospital after cancer surgery.
- July 7, 1997 7:00 a.m. to
July 8, 1997 7:00 a.m. Danial and Nicole's roommate, Joe Dick, is on duty aboard the U.S.S. Saipan.
- July 7, 1997 nighttime Omar Ballard tells Karen Stover he is going over to the Bayshore Gardens apartments. Omar Ballard murders Michelle Bosko.
- July 8, 1997 Omar Ballard is charged with malicious wounding in the Melissa Morse case and a warrant is issued for his arrest.
- July 8, 1997, afternoon Billy Bosko returns home and finds his wife Michelle Bosko dead in their apartment at the Bayshore Gardens complex.
- July 8, 1997 Omar Ballard tells Karen Stover he stopped by Michelle Bosko's apartment the previous night.

July 8 to 9, 1997	Norfolk police, including Detective Glenn Ford, interrogate Danial Williams through the night in the Bosko case.
July 9, 1997, 5 a.m.	Danial Williams falsely confesses to raping and murdering Michelle Bosko.
July 9, 1997 9 a.m.	Michelle Bosko autopsy begins.
July 9, 1997, 9:30 a.m.	Danial Williams signs confession statement saying he beat Michelle Bosko with a shoe.
July 9, 1997 9:30 a.m. to July 9, 1997 1:00 a.m.	Police learn from autopsy that Michelle Bosko was stabbed and strangled not beaten.
July 9, 1997, noon	Danial Williams signs confession statement saying he stabbed Michelle Bosko. Danial Williams is charged with capital murder and rape and is incarcerated.
July 18, 1997	Omar Ballard attacks and rapes 14-year-old Virginia Owens about a mile from the Bayshore Gardens apartment complex.
July 25, 1997	Virginia Owens and her sister spot Ballard in the neighborhood. Police arrest Ballard.
July 27, 1997	Virginian Pilot publishes a front-page Metro section story about Omar Ballard's attack on Virginia Owens, including a color photo of Ballard.
August 6, 1997	Danial Williams is indicted by a grand jury for capital rape and murder.
August 18, 1997	Danial Williams' lawyers seek investigator funds from the court.
October 27, 1997	Danial Williams' lawyers tell the court at a hearing on the funding motion that they want to investigate recent crimes in the same neighborhood with the same <i>modus operandi</i> ; court grants motion for \$1000, but lawyers never spend the money or conduct the described investigation.
October 27, 1997	At the same motions hearing, Danial Williams' lawyers seek funds for a DNA expert, but the court holds the motion in abeyance, and the lawyers never pursue it.
November 2, 1997	Nicole Williams dies.

November 7, 1997	Danial Williams files motion to suppress his statements.
November 17, 1997	Court holds hearing and denies Williams' motion to suppress statements.
December 11, 1997	Analysts tell Norfolk police that Danial Williams is excluded from crime scene DNA samples. Police and prosecutors do not share this information with Danial Williams' lawyers until April 30, 1998.
January 1998	Prosecutors offer Danial Williams a life sentence, which Williams declines.
January 12, 1998	Detective Ford interrogates Joe Dick, who falsely confesses to rape and murder. Dick is arrested and charged with capital murder and rape.
January 15, 1998	Omar Ballard pleads guilty to the attack and rape in the Virginia Owens case.
February 10, 1998	Omar Ballard pleads guilty to malicious wounding in the Melissa Morse case and is sentenced to one year in the Norfolk jail.
February 13, 1998	Danial Williams' lawyers ask the court for a competency evaluation because he refuses to plead guilty.
March 5, 1998	During a court-ordered competency exam, Danial Williams tells the psychiatrist he falsely confessed and is not guilty.
March 23, 1998	Omar Ballard is sentenced to 100 years in prison for the Virginia Owens attack, with all but 40 years suspended.
March 26, 1998	DNA analysis report excludes Danial Williams and Joe Dick from crime scene samples and excludes Michelle Bosko from Danial Williams' underwear samples.
Early April 1998	Government informant Timothy Gurley extracts information from Joe Dick causing police to focus on Eric Wilson.
April 8, 1998	Detective Ford interrogates Eric Wilson, who falsely confesses, but only to rape. Wilson truthfully denies any role in the murder. Wilson is arrested and charged with capital rape and murder.
April 30, 1998	Commonwealth discloses March 26, 1998 DNA analysis report excluding Danial Williams and Joe Dick from crime scene samples to lawyers for Williams and Dick.
June 10, 1998	DNA analysis report excludes Eric Wilson from crime scene samples.

June 16, 1998 Detective Ford interrogates Joe Dick again, and Dick picks Derek Tice out of a Navy yearbook.

June 18, 1998 Derek Tice is charged with capital murder and rape, and is arrested in Florida.

June 25, 1998 Detective Ford transports Derek Tice from Florida to Norfolk and interrogates him. After Ford violates Tice's *Miranda* rights, Derek Tice falsely confesses to rape and murder, saying six men were involved, naming Richard Pauley and Geoffrey Farris in addition to Tice, Dick, and Williams. Derek Tice is charged with capital murder and rape.

June 30, 1998 Richard Pauley is arrested and charged with capital murder and rape. Ford is on leave. Pauley is interrogated but does not confess. (Records would later show Pauley was on the internet and phone with his girlfriend in Australia at the time Michelle Bosko was killed.)

July 9, 1998 Geoffrey Farris is arrested and charged with capital murder and rape. Although police violate his *Miranda* rights, he does not confess during interrogation.

August 28, 1998 DNA analysis report excludes Tice, Pauley, and Farris from crime scene samples.

October 27, 1998 Ford interrogates Tice again, who names John Danser as seventh suspect.

November 4, 1998 John Danser is arrested and charged with rape and murder. Detective Ford interrogates him, but he does not confess. (Records would later show Danser was in Pennsylvania at the time Michelle Bosko was killed.)

November 4, 1998 Ford obtains Norfolk motel records corroborating Danser's claim that he was in Norfolk two weeks after the murder. Commonwealth suppresses these exculpatory records, never producing them to any defense counsel.

November 5, 1998 Police interrogate Tice again, who recants his claim of Danser's involvement and also recants his own confession. Commonwealth never discloses Tice's recantation of Danser's involvement to Danser's attorney.

January 22, 1999 Danial Williams pleads guilty to rape and murder in exchange for not being subject to the death penalty.

February 9, 1999	Danial Williams meets with prosecutors and says, consistent with Wilson's confession, that Eric Wilson was only involved in the rape and not the murder.
February 18, 1999	A more sensitive DNA analysis confirms that Danial Williams, Joe Dick, Derek Tice, Eric Wilson, and Ferris, Pauley, and Danser are all excluded from all crime scene DNA samples, including vaginal swab.
February 22, 1999	Police receive a letter from Omar Ballard to Karen Stover, Tamika Taylor's sister-in-law, confessing to murdering Michelle Bosko.
February 26, 1999	Prosecutors, unhappy with Danial Williams' February 9, 1999 statements, file a motion to revoke his plea agreement.
March 4, 1999	DNA analysis report shows Omar Ballard's DNA is consistent with the DNA found on blanket found at crime scene.
March 4, 1999	Omar Ballard tells Detective Ford he committed the crime alone.
March 4, 1999	Prosecutors orally withdraw their motion to revoke Danial Williams' plea agreement (this is also the day the motion is scheduled for hearing).
mid-March to mid-April 1999	Prosecutors provide Danial Williams' lawyers with Omar Ballard's letter to Karen Stover and the March 4, 1999 DNA report inculpatng Ballard. Upon learning this information, Danial Williams immediately requests that his attorneys withdraw his guilty plea.
April 14, 1999	Danial Williams files motion to withdraw his guilty plea.
April 21, 1999	Joe Dick pleads guilty to rape and murder in exchange for not being subject to the death penalty.
April 28, 1999	Court holds hearing on Williams' motion to withdraw his guilty plea, which prosecutors oppose. Williams' attorneys do not prepare him to testify and do not call him as a witness. Court denies motion.
April 28, 1999	Williams is sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.
April 28, 1999	Williams appeals from his judgment of conviction.
May 6, 1999	DNA analysis report further confirms Omar Ballard's DNA is consistent with DNA found on many crime scene samples, including vaginal swab.
May 14, 1999	Prosecutors drop charges against Pauley, Farris, and Danser.

May 24, 1999	Williams again appeals from his judgment of conviction.
June 6-18, 1999	Eric Wilson is tried. Joe Dick, pursuant to his plea agreement, falsely testifies that he, Wilson, the other sailors, and Omar Ballard committed the crime together. Ballard is called as a witness but refuses to testify. Wilson is convicted of rape.
February 8 to 11, 2000	Derek Tice is tried. Joe Dick again falsely testifies that he, Tice, the other sailors, and Omar Ballard committed the crime together. Ballard testifies that he was not involved. Tice is convicted of rape and murder. The convictions are later overturned on appeal.
March 22, 2000	Omar Ballard pleads guilty to the rape and murder of Michelle Bosko.
July 25, 2000	Court of Appeals of Virginia denies Williams' appeal.
January 27 to 31, 2003	Derek Tice is retried. Joe Dick tries to recant his false statements against Tice, but prosecutors and police threaten him with the death penalty. Joe again testifies against Tice. Ballard was also prepared to testify that he acted alone, but Tice's attorney and Detective Ford both persuade him not to testify. Tice is convicted of rape and murder.
November 10, 2005	Williams, Dick, and Tice file petition for absolute pardon with the Governor of Virginia. Eric Wilson had previously filed his own clemency request with the Virginia Governor.
September 2006	Eric Wilson completes his prison term.
August 6, 2009	Governor Timothy Kaine grants Williams, Dick, and Tice conditional pardons and they are released from prison. The convictions of Williams, Dick, Tice, and Wilson remain in place. All are required to register as sex offenders in their home states. Williams, Dick and Tice are on probation for twenty years. Governor Kaine denies Eric Wilson's clemency request because Wilson had already served his sentence.
September 14, 2009	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia grants Derek Tice's habeas petition.