

No Physical Evidence

Fact # one

There is no physical evidence that the rapes actually happened. The alleged victims had waited two weeks to report the alleged rapes. No forensic tests were carried out on either the clothing of the alleged victims, Vincent's clothing or the car in which the alleged rapes took place.

Fact # two

The doctor's report did not find any signs of injury on either of the alleged victims and stated that one of the twins was a virgin two weeks after the alleged rapes. The doctor's report was not shown at the trial

excerpts from the letter sent from F.P. Bordellon J.r M.D to district attorney Mr. J Eddie Knoll on June 10 1977, regarding examination of one of the alleged victims in the Vincent Simmons case.

" She admits never having had intercourse before this..... There was no bruises on her body. The vaginal examination showed that the hymen was intact and I was unable to insert one examining finger"

Unreliable Witness Testimony

Fact # three

Vincent was convicted on the basis of the flawed and contradictory testimonies of the two alleged victims and their male cousin. In the police reports the twins said that a black man attacked them. They said they did not know his name. In court the twins and their cousin all said the attacker had told them his name before attacking them and that his name was Simmons.

Unreliable Eye Witness Identification

Fact # four

The twin stated that all black men looked the same to them. They picked Vincent out of a line up in which he was the only one handcuffed.

Illegal Arrest

Fact # five

The police investigative reports did not include one single lead pointing to Vincent yet he was picked off the street and charged with the crime. Two reports by the same police officer written within twenty four hours of each other, give two completely different locations as the place of arrest.

Fact # six

There is no indication that the police, at any point, had an official interview with Vincent or that he gave any sort of statement.

Fact # seven

The arresting police officers never testified in court.