

# **First Coast** **Tiger Bay Tracks**



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## **Success Dramatic Story Behind Conviction Integrity Review Story** **September 15, 2023**

Few stories are more heartbreaking than an innocent person wrongfully convicted of murder and serving more than 40 years in prison. That is the story of Jacksonville's **Nathan Myers** and was featured in a riveting **First Coast Tiger Bay Club** program last year. Due to interest generated in that program, many members asked for background information about this dramatic tale. Our September 15<sup>th</sup> program features two members of the State Attorney's Conviction Integrity Unit ([CIR](#)) most responsible for overturning this travesty of justice: **Shelley Thibodeau** and **Thomas Brady**.

Tiger Bay members will remember the captivating presentation last year by Nathan Myers as he detailed his story. Born and raised in Jacksonville, he graduated from Sandalwood High School in 1975 where he played football on the team going all the way to the state championship games. The following year he and his uncle, Clifford Williams, were arrested for the murder of Jeanette Williams (no relation to Clifford) and attempted murder of Nina Marshall. Nathan was only 18 at the time and previously lived with the two women he allegedly tried to murder. Nina Marshall testified that both men came into her apartment and shot the women while they were sleeping. Clifford and Nathan claimed to have been at a birthday party in the neighborhood and their story was confirmed by several witnesses. Nonetheless, both men were subsequently convicted at a trial and sentenced to life in prison.

Nathan continued to claim his innocence and in 2018 contacted the Conviction Integrity Review unit in the Fourth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office. Using forensic evidence, the CIR established a single shooter fired through a window and not inside as Marshall had testified. The CIR also confirmed that Nathan and Clifford were at the birthday party at the time of the shooting and interviewed several witnesses who stated that another man confessed to the shooting. Both men were exonerated in 2019. Nathan now lives in Orlando with his wife Rosa, and they have been mar-

ried since 2005. He and his wife are active members of their church where he serves as a deacon. Nathan is also collaborating on a book to chronicle his journey. (For the final report of this dramatic case see the bottom link of the [CIR](#) webpage).



September 15<sup>th</sup> program features the two principals involved with this Our CIR case. **Shelley Thibodeau** joined the State Attorney's Office in 2018 to become Director of the newly created CIR. She grew up in Florida and earned both her BA in communications in 1991 and law degree in 1995 from Florida State University. Shelley is a member of the Florida Bar, the Jacksonville Bar Association, and the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida; she is also a Certified Family Law Mediator. Before coming to the State Attorney's Office, she joined the law firms of J. Craig Williams, P.A. (handling criminal matters) and Stone Lockett, P.A. (dealing with criminal law and family law cases).

Also joining the program is **Thomas Brady**, Investigator for the CIR. Tom previously served 24 years as a Special Agent with the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). At the time of his retirement in 2013, Tom had primary responsibility for forensic training and operational responses in the Southeast U.S., Central and South America, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Detainee Operations at GTMO, Cuba. Prior to joining the State Attorney's Office Tom worked in various law enforcement, consultant, and teaching roles.

We hope you can join us on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** to hear the background details about this compelling story. How did the investigators piece this story together? How often does this type of thing occur? How many others have been exonerated? Is compensation usually paid to those wrongly convicted? What can be done to minimize the wrongful conviction rate? We look forward to your questions too.

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