

# SUMMARY



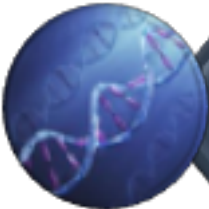
**On March 30, 1985**, Derek and Nancy Haysom were murdered.



**On June 8, 1986**, Jens Soering falsely told police he had killed the Haysoms and cut his hand in the process. He "took the rap" for his girlfriend, Elizabeth Haysom, to save her from the death penalty for killing her parents.



**On June 21, 1990**, at Soering's trial, prosecutor Jim Updike told the jury that Soering's confession was corroborated by several drops of type O blood at the crime scene. Soering had type O, none of the other people involved in the crime did, so the blood had to be his. Updike repeated this claim 26 times.



**On July 26, 2016**, a comparison of lab reports showed that DNA tests had eliminated Jens Soering as a possible source of the type O blood at the scene. The same blood that in 1990 suggested his guilt now proved his innocence. He could not have cut his hand while killing the Haysoms, as he had "confessed" in 1986, because the type O blood had a different genetic profile than his. Another (unknown) man had cut himself and bled at the scene.



**In 2017** two independent DNA scientists confirmed these findings: Dr. Moses Schanfield of George Washington University and Dr. Thomas McClintock of Liberty University. They also found DNA evidence showing the presence of a second unknown man with type AB blood.

The Innocence Project has determined that, in 20% of wrongful convictions, people had given false confessions to crimes which DNA tests later proved they had not committed.

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