

**STORAGE NAME:** HB 3035

**DATE:** April 23, 1998

**Florida House of Representatives  
Committee on Civil Justice & Claims  
Summary Claim Bill Report**

**Bill#:** CS/HB 3035  
**Sponsor:** Representative Meek  
**References:** Civil Justice & Claims, Governmental Operations, Finance & Taxation, and General Government Appropriations  
**Companion Bill:** SB 0068

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**A. Basic Information**

1. **Claimants:** Freddie Lee Pitts  
Wilbert Lee
2. **Respondent:** State of Florida
3. **Amount Requested:** \$875,000
4. **Type of Claim:** EQUITABLE CLAIM/WRONGFUL INCARCERATION
5. **Respondent's Posture:** None.
6. **Collateral Sources:** None.
7. **Prior Legislative History:** 18 House Bills since 1977

**B. Procedural Summary:** Prior Legislative hearings were conducted in 1979, 1989 and 1990. No bill has passed either legislative chamber.

**C. Facts of the Case:** Claim arises from allegations of unjust incarceration. Claimants were convicted of first degree murder in 1972, but granted a full pardon by the Governor and Cabinet in 1975 while the criminal case was on appeal to the Florida Supreme Court. Claimants have sought legislation relief beginning in 1977.

**LRS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles R. Boning

**LRD:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Hixson

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