

# TORONTO STAR CLEARS CARTER



## 'EXONERATED' AT LAST?

Rubin Carter appears at a Toronto press conference just hours before The Toronto Star again declared him "exonerated" of triple murder charges. The paper says Carter was freed with the help of a factually inaccurate Bob Dylan song and an amateur investigation by some Canadians. Actually his lawyers got him off by focusing on alleged procedural errors. No evidence was ever produced that proved Carter's innocence.

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## Milgaard: Carter 'goes off deep end'

After Ruben Carter quit the group that helped her "wrongly convicted" son, Joyce Milgaard told a reporter: "We've all had to hold our breath at times, because you just never know for sure what he's going to say. And we could end up in a lawsuit over it, which is not something any organization wants. ... Some of the things that he was saying were not correct, and so we couldn't support them. That's the problem. He goes off the deep end sometimes and says things, and then he sticks by them, even though he doesn't really know." — *Toronto Globe & Mail*, Aug. 14, 2004

## *Paper ignores court record, says twice-convicted ex-boxer 'didn't commit' triple murder*

**TORONTO, Aug. 14, 2004** — The Toronto Star today declared that Rubin "Hurricane" Carter has been "exonerated" in a triple murder and "didn't commit" the crime.

No such finding has ever been handed down by a U.S. court.

Carter was convicted of triple murder in 1967 and again in 1976. In 1985 his conviction was overturned due to procedural errors perceived by a single federal judge, not because new evidence had been found.

In fact, no credible evidence has been presented in court to exonerate Carter except his alibi story, which appears in his 1974 book, "The 16th Round." Carter says he was giving two women a ride home just before the murders.

In 1967, authorities intercepted a jailhouse letter in which Carter tried to feed that alibi story to his witnesses. Nine years later at Carter's second trial, both women admitted that the alibi story was false.

Carter refused to testify on his own behalf at that 1976 trial.

**THE STAR ALSO DECLARED** that Carter was a "promising boxer, closing in on the world middleweight title" and was arrested for murder "before his championship bout."

In reality, by March 1966 Carter had plunged to ninth place in Ring Magazine's middleweight rankings. His record in 1965-'66 was 7-7-1, and no championship fight was pending.

Just two months before the June 1966 murders Ring Magazine said, "His most recent defeats have dropped Carter from his once high rating and killed his hopes of a crack at Dick Tiger's middleweight crown."

**CARTER WAS PICKED UP** by police just 30 minutes after the triple murder because his car exactly matched a witness' description of the killers' car. Minutes later both eyewitnesses to the getaway identified

Carter's car as the one that had raced from the murder scene.

Police searched Carter's car and found two live rounds — a shotgun shell and a .32-caliber bullet. Ballistics reports later revealed that the live rounds fit the murder weapons.

**THE ONLY PERSON TO SURVIVE** the shootings told friends and family that Carter and Artis were the gunmen. He was too afraid to say that publicly.

Carter and co-defendant John Artis gave police conflicting stories about their whereabouts that night, and Carter forgot to tell police that he had been searching for his missing shotgun just hours before the murders.

Both men failed lie detector tests — a fact confirmed by the polygraph operator himself. Carter claims he passed, but has repeatedly refused to take another lie test.

**A STUNNING OFFER** was made to Carter and Artis by the Passaic County Prosecutor just three months before their second trial: *Pass a lie test and the murder case will be dropped; fail and we won't use the test against you.* Carter and Artis refused the no-lose offer.

"So much for the claims of innocence," Prosecutor Burrell Ives Humphreys later wrote.

Carter was recognized at the murder scene by a small-time crook, Al Bello, who was assisting in a nearby burglary attempt. In 1974, Bello recanted his identification and Carter attempted to get a new trial. He failed. The judge found that the recantation clearly "lacked the ring of truth."

Carter later got a second trial on other grounds, and Bello again testified that it was Carter and Artis he saw at the murder scene.

Carter, an ex-con at the time of the murders, claims the killers got away in an identical car that drove down the same deserted street at virtually the same time (2:35 a.m.) as his car.

Some people actually believe him.