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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Jeffrey Walsh Collection
ID:	apap394
Date [inclusive]:	1985-2002
Physical Description:	8.33 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection documents investigator Jeffrey Walsh's work on the Frank Lee Smith case. Smith was convicted of rape and murder and served 14 years on Death Row in Florida before dying of cancer. Less than a year after his death he was exonerated.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Jeffrey Walsh, 1960-2020, was born in Canton, Ohio. After graduation from high school, he served in the United States Navy for four years. He then earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming.

Walsh was an investigator for the Capital Habeas Unit of the federal government. He also owned Capital Defense Project in Tallahassee, Florida. This organization specialized in criminal defense investigations both during trial and post-conviction, witness location, mitigation, and fact development.

In Florida, Walsh investigated the case of Frank Lee Smith, ultimately helping to overturn Smith's conviction. In 1986, Smith was convicted of the rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl. Smith spent

14 years on Death Row. In December 2000, 11 months after Smith's death from cancer, Smith was posthumously exonerated after exculpatory DNA testing results cleared him of the crime and identified the actual perpetrator.

Walsh was survived by his mother, sister, two brothers, and many nieces and nephews.

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Content Description

This collection documents Jeffrey Walsh's work on the Frank Lee Smith case including investigator notes; courts documents, including annotated copies; correspondence; reports; clippings; and photographs.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is currently unprocessed and is not yet arranged.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Louis Allman, Jeffrey Walsh's nephew and executor, donated all materials in accordance with Mr. Walsh's wishes in November 2021.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Walsh, Jeffrey (1960-2020)
- Smith, Frank Lee (1947-2000)
- Death Penalty
- Criminal Justice and Prisons
- Death row inmates--Florida
- Capital punishment
- Judicial error
- Murder--investigation