

Conviction of ex-detective may bring claims he tainted cases

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Former Norfolk police officer Robert Glenn Ford had a reputation as a closer — a tough detective who could put criminals away.

But after being convicted Wednesday of extortion and lying to federal investigators, Ford may get a reputation as

an ex-cop whose cases are challenged in court.

Attorneys say defendants, including the pardoned Navy sailors known as the "Norfolk Four," and their families are already asking whether Ford's involvement in their cases could lead to dismissals.

Ford served nearly 30 years on the police force, retiring in

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convicted ex-officer

Retired Norfolk Detective Robert Glenn Ford was convicted of extortion and lying to federal investigators on Wednesday.