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New Novel by Author Denise Turney Focuses on Protecting the Innocent

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Nov. 18, 2003 /Send2Press Newswire/ -- Today Chistell Publishing (www.chistell.com) announced its new rousing "crime and justice" novel, *Spiral* by Denise Turney. *Spiral* reveals hidden flaws and biases found in America's criminal justice system. The book focuses on a string of crimes that lead to a wrongful conviction, a subject the United States as a nation address in the modified Innocence Protection Act introduced on October 1, 2003.

"I want people to see that a rush to judgment increases the likelihood for false convictions. Just because the DA, media, even eyewitnesses shout 'Guilty!' does not mean a person is indeed guilty. In fact, a large number of wrongful convictions are due to inaccurate eyewitness testimonies," states *Spiral*'s author, Denise Turney, a writer with 30 years of experience to her credit.

Spiral opens with a kidnapping which later turns into a murder. It is years before anyone is convicted. Choices a father makes after witnessing what he thinks is the disposal of a young girl's body return to haunt a prominent family. Set in the 1940s, *Spiral* revisits a time in America's history when religion and secret jealousy carried enough weight to destroy an entire town. *Spiral* exposes the many ways wrongful convictions interrupt the future of not only the accused but also their entire family. The author passionately exclaims, "We must focus on the fact that annually thousands of innocent people serve time in prison. We cannot turn away from this."

BOOK SUMMARY:

Title: *Spiral*
Author: Denise Turney
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Denise Turney is the recipient of numerous awards and two Navy Achievement Medals. She is the author of "*Spiral*," "*Portia*," and "*Love Has Many Faces*." She organizes an annual global writing contest and edits the global literary newsletter, *The Book Lover's Haven*. She is also host of the radio program "*Off The Shelf*."

Turney's work has appeared in numerous publications among which include: *Essence*, *Parade*, *The Philadelphia Tribune* and *Indigo*. She has gained recognition for her ability to capture real life scenarios in a manner that enthralls her audience and places them right in the shoes of her characters.

"It is nothing short of astounding what words and story have done to the human landscape," shares Turney. "With Spiral, I am honored to be able to contribute another thread to one of the world's greatest and most deeply moving resources - story that causes readers to think and decide to make changes in their lives and our communities - changes that benefit us all."

Turney's work is featured online at <http://www.chistell.com> where readers can read the first chapters of her books for free. Spiral is in bookstores now.

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