
The National Registry
of
EXONERATIONS
April 2018

2,418 EXONERATIONS

Since the January 2019 Newsletter:
a total of 53 exonerations added
45 new exonerations & **8** newly discovered

Exonerations in 2018 Report Released

Click [here](#) to download a copy of the 2018 Report

Exonerees in 2018 Lost a Record Number of Years to Wrongful Imprisonment

- 2018 Exonerees spent 1,639 years in prison for crimes they did not commit - that's 10.9 years on average per exoneree
- Two of the [longest-serving defendants](#) in the Registry were exonerated in 2018: [Richard Phillips](#), who served 45 years and two months for murder in Michigan, and [Wilbert Jones](#), who served 44 years and nine months for sexual assault in Louisiana
- 2018 also saw a record number of exonerations that occurred in part because some official misconduct was committed. Of 151 exonerations, at least [107](#) included official misconduct by police, prosecutors, or other government officials. [Fifty-four homicides](#) – 79 percent of homicide exonerations in 2018 – involved official misconduct.
- Since the 2017 Report, we have learned of 11 new Conviction Integrity Units - most of which were formed in 2018.

You can read the full report [here](#). At the end of the newsletter, you'll see shareable infographics - you can save the image and then share on facebook, twitter, or other social media.

Honoring Registry Co-Founder Sam Gross

Atlanta, Georgia. The panelists - including Registry Editor Barbara O'Brien, Registry Director Simon Cole, Professor Jon Gould, Professor Richard Leo, and Innocence Project co-founder Barry Scheck - will reflect on the profound impact of Sam's work on our understanding of wrongful convictions upon his retirement from the University of Michigan Law School. Please join us in celebrating Sam Gross' outsized legacy in the field of wrongful convictions at 2:30 pm on Saturday, April 13 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza.

YEARS LOST TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT

Last year The Registry marked a milestone: The number of years that exonerated defendants lost in prison for crimes they did not commit exceeded **20,000 years** in September 2018.

LONGEST SERVING

The two longest-serving defendants in the Registry were exonerated in 2018.



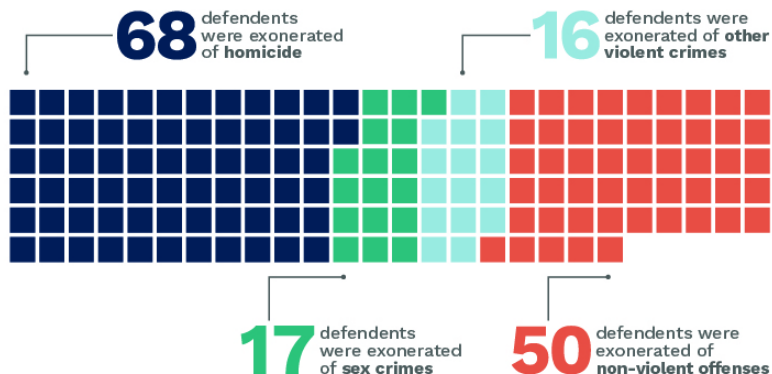
Richard Phillips served **45 years and 2 months** for murder in Michigan.

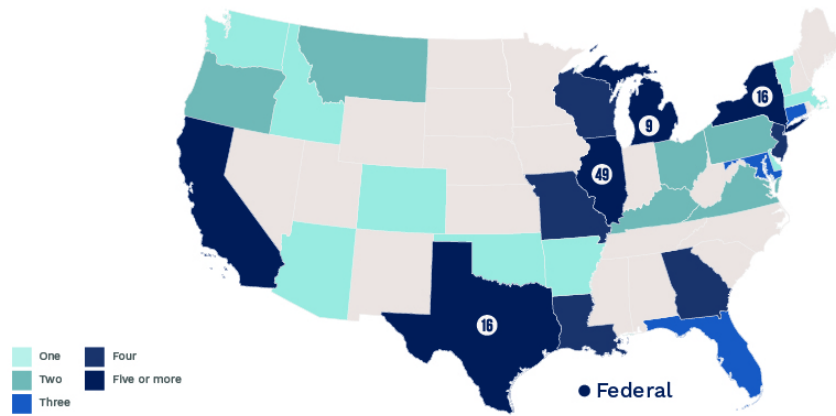


Wilbert Jones served **44 years and 9 months** for sexual assault in Louisiana.

2018 EXONERATIONS BY CRIME

The **151** exonerations that the National Registry of Exonerations added in 2018 were distributed as follows.





2018 EXONERATIONS BY CLASSIFICATION



*Indicates record number

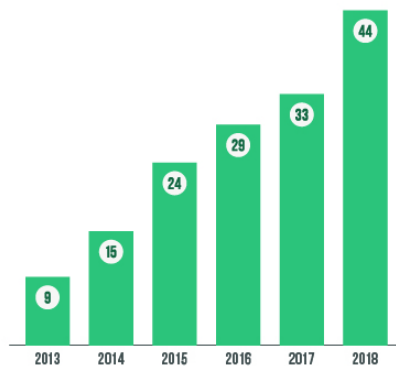
CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS

44 NATIONWIDE

There were 44 Conviction Integrity Units (CIUs) in the United States in 2018, more than three times the number in 2013. CIUs were involved in **58** exonerations in 2018.

Innocence Organizations (IOs) and CIUs worked together on a record **45*** exonerations in 2018.

Rise of CIUs in the United States



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