



A Monthly Summary of Registry Postings

October 2020: 10 Exonerations

The National Registry of Exonerations

**MORE THAN 170 PEOPLE WERE
WRONGFULLY CONVICTED IN LOS ANGELES
BECAUSE OF POLICE MISCONDUCT IN
THE RAMPART SCANDAL.**

Learn more at our new Groups Registry: bit.ly/NREgroups

October was a busy month at the Registry. Along with adding new cases and updating older ones, our new Groups Registry went public, lifting the curtain for a first look. We are very excited about our newest archive and its ability to expand our understanding of the corrosive impact of systemic misconduct as a contributor to wrongful convictions. Watch for the official debut next year.

10 Exonerations Posted in October

Browse our [recently posted](#) exonerations, including:

In 1983, [Jackie Wilson](#) was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murders of two Chicago police officers. Charges were dismissed during his third trial in 2020 after a prosecutor falsely testified about the existence of a witness and new evidence showed Wilson was a bystander, not a participant in the murders.

In 2001, [Marvin Cotton](#) and [Anthony Legion](#) were sentenced to life in prison without parole for murder in Detroit, Michigan. In 2020, they were exonerated after a jailhouse informant recanted his testimony implicating them.

[Derrick Harris](#) was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 2013 for an armed robbery in Los Angeles, California. He was exonerated in 2020 after the real robber confessed to the crime.

In 2006, [Charles Jason Lively](#) was sentenced to life in prison in McDowell County, West Virginia for setting a fire that killed a 70-year-old man. He was exonerated in 2020 after two fire experts concluded there was no evidence the fire was the result of arson.

[Donald "Doc" Nash](#) was sentenced to life in prison in 2009 for the 1982 murder of his girlfriend. He was exonerated in 2020, after the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the forensic evidence used to convict him was invalid and new evidence of Nash's innocence came to light.

In 2011, [Frances Choy](#) was sentenced to life in prison without parole for setting a fire that killed her parents in Brockton, Massachusetts. She was exonerated in 2020 based on evidence that her nephew set the fire and because the prosecution failed to disclose evidence pointing to her innocence.

[Tina Jimerson](#) and [John Brown](#) were sentenced to life in prison in 1992 for murder and robbery in Fordyce, Arkansas. They were exonerated in 2020 after the real criminal admitted he acted alone and the prosecution was found to have concealed evidence.

In 1994, [Lacino Hamilton](#) was sentenced to 52 to 82 years in prison for the murder of his foster mother in Detroit, Michigan. He was exonerated in 2020 by DNA testing and the identification of the real killer.

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