

2016

set an annual record for exonerations

The National Registry of Exonerations

166

The exoneration rate has been rapidly increasing for several years

24 exonerated of sex crime convictions, 16 for child sex abuse, 8 for adult sexual assault.

54 exonerated of homicide convictions: 52 for murder, 2 for manslaughter



73 exonerated of non-violent crimes. The vast majority were for convictions of drug possession, mostly in Harris County, TX

15 exonerations of other violent crimes such as arson, robbery, or attempted murder

Record Highs

Guilty Pleas:

a record number of exonerees pled guilty

74 total

including:

57 drug cases

6 homicides

4 homicides including a false confession

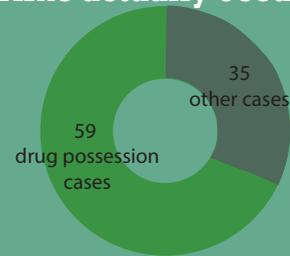
3 child sex abuse cases



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exonerations where official misconduct was a contributing factor

94 defendants exonerated where no crime actually occurred



In 15 of the 16 child sex abuse exonerations no crime actually occurred

There were **29 CIUs**



in the United States in 2016 that's over double the number in 2013 & almost 5 times the number in 2011



50% of all CIUs have not been involved in any exonerations

Since 2003, more than half of CIU exonerations (128 out of 225)

have come from one office. (Harris County, TX) while

almost a third (69/225)

occurred in 3 other counties.

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CIU exonerations took place in 2016

a record number!

