

The National Registry of EXONERATIONS

September 2013

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42 exoneration added
12 contemporaneous exoneration
30 old exoneration we recently learned about

1,215 Exonerations

as of 9/22/2013

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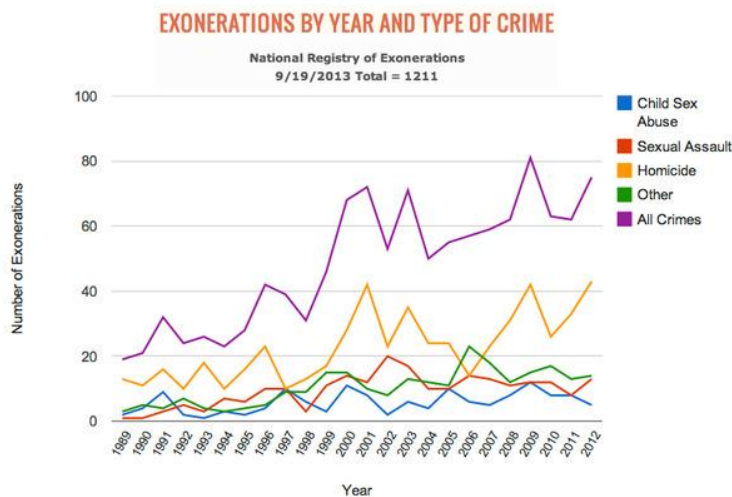
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CHANGES AT THE REGISTRY!

Our website has changed. Our staff has changed. And we created an advisory board.

CHANGES TO OUR WEBSITE

New Graphs That Update Automatically



The graph above shows [exonerations by year and type of crime](#). In addition, we have graphs for [DNA/non-DNA exoneration by year](#) and

**Prosecutors:
Friend or Foe to
the Innocent
Defendant?**

New York:



In March 2013, [David Ranta](#) (pictured) was exonerated after an investigation by the Brooklyn Conviction Integrity Unit, which sparked the CIU to [investigate 50 additional cases](#) handled by

[exonerations by race and crime](#). These graphs, which may be copied and reproduced, are always based on up-to-date information.

A "Filter" for Summary and Detailed Views



We have improved the searchability of the website by adding a "Filter" function in both the [detailed](#) and [summary](#) views. The filter scans the visible coded fields and narrative summaries for the words entered and lists the cases that contain them. For example, if you enter the term "fingerprint," it will create a list with every case in which that term appears. The filter, however, is not a search which works with quotation marks.

A New "Learn More" Page

We created a "[Learn More](#)" page that summarizes basic fact patterns in the data as well as recent findings, and provides easy access to our reports, graphs, and updates.

MEET OUR ADVISORY BOARD

We have assembled a distinguished advisory board of leaders in the field of wrongful convictions and exonerations. Full profiles can be found [here](#).

the same detectives.

Some critics are [skeptical of this reinvestigation](#) under the same [chief prosecutor](#) who was responsible for the convictions.

On September 10, long-time Brooklyn DA Charles J. Hynes was [defeated](#) after an election campaign in which this was a campaign issue.

Propublica published an article last month about how prosecutors in New York City abuse [material witness orders](#) and the wrongful convictions, like [Fernando Bermudez](#), which can result.

Chicago: [Latherial Boyd](#) and [Carl Chatman](#) were released earlier this month when State's Attorney Anita Alvarez dropped all



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STAFF UPDATES

Shannon M. Leitner, a 2013 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, was hired this month as a Research Fellow. Shannon worked in the Michigan Innocence Clinic for two years as a student attorney, and first joined the Registry in January 2013 as a student research assistant. We are excited to welcome Shannon to the team.



Writer/Researcher **Alexandra Gross** left the Registry last month to pursue her teaching career. We cannot thank Sasha enough for her ideas, innovations, and passion, and wish her nothing but the best.

charges, yet the [Chicago Tribune reports](#) that many critics believe her office's CIU should be doing more.

National:

A [recent article](#) by the Registry's Alexandra Gross and Maurice Possley explains that more prosecutors are cooperating in exonerations than ever before.



Rob Warden, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Center of Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law, will be [retiring at the end of the academic year](#). Rob, who is also Co-Founder of the Registry, has been fighting for the wrongfully convicted for nearly four decades. Rob will continue his work with the Registry. Congratulations, Rob, and

thank you.

The National Registry of Exonerations is a joint project of the [University of Michigan Law School](#) and the [Center on Wrongful Convictions](#) at [Northwestern University School of Law](#). We provide detailed information about every known exoneration in the United States since 1989—cases in which a person was wrongly convicted of a crime and later cleared of all the charges based on new evidence of innocence

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