



## The **2019** Annual Report

143 Exonerations & A Record 1,908 Years Lost

The Registry's 2019 Annual Report is out. Explore the data here: <https://bit.ly/ExonsIn2019>

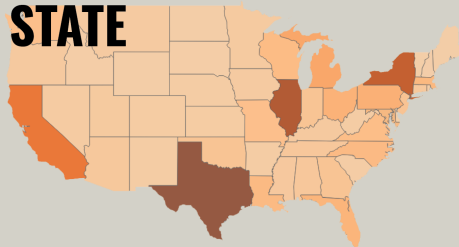
This year's report highlights the record number of years lost to prison by defendants—**1,908 years** total for **143 exonerations**, an average of **13.3 years lost** per exoneree. In 2019, we also saw the exonerations of three of the five longest-serving defendants in the Registry—[Charles Finch](#), [Clifford Williams Jr.](#), and [Hubert Myers](#). The lengthy sentences served by so many exonerees are always shocking, but the COVID-19 crisis gives new urgency to those aging prisoners fighting long battles for freedom.

# EXONERATIONS EXONERATIONS III 2019



**1,908 YEARS LOST**  
**143 EXONERATIONS**

## EXONERATIONS BY STATE



<b>30</b> IL	<b>5</b> KY
<b>15</b> PA, TX	<b>4</b> NC
<b>11</b> NY	<b>3</b> LA, MA
<b>9</b> MI	<b>2</b> CT, GA, IN, OK, UT, WA
<b>7</b> CA	<b>1</b> AR, CO, HI, ID, ME, MN, MO, NH, NM, OH, OR, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, DC
<b>6</b> FL, MD	



Official Misconduct

**93**



Mistaken Eyewitness Identification

**48**



False Confessions

**24**



Perjury or False Accusation

**101**



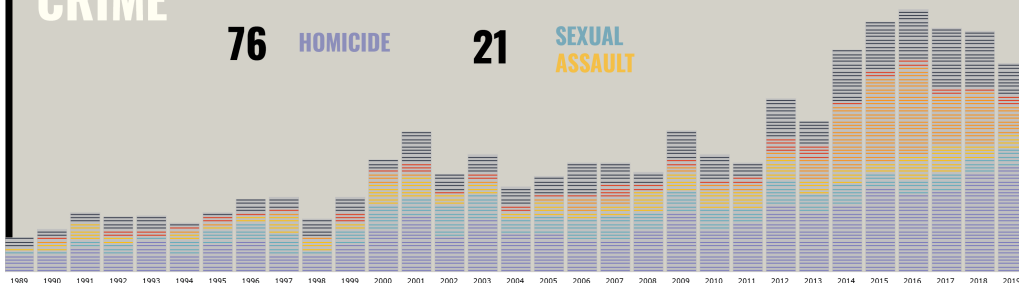
False or Misleading Forensic Evidence

**24**

## EXONERATIONS BY CONTRIBUTING FACTOR

## EXONERATIONS BY CRIME

**76** HOMICIDE      **26** NON-VIOLENT CRIME      **20** OTHER VIOLENT CRIME  
**21** SEXUAL ASSAULT



March 2020: **13** Exonerations Posted



Hamid Hayat (Steve German/Special to the San Francisco Chronicle)

### Exonerations posted to the Registry in March include:

[Hamid Hayat](#) of Lodi, California, was sentenced to 24 years in prison in 2006 for providing material support to terrorists and lying to the government. His conviction was overturned in 2019 and he was exonerated in 2020 after a federal judge ruled that his trial attorney had conflicts of interest and had been ineffective in locating potential alibi witnesses.

In 2005, [Ricky Davis](#) was sentenced to 16 years to life in prison for a murder in El Dorado County, California. He was exonerated in 2020 after DNA excluded him and implicated another man in the murder.

In 2005, [Juan Rodriguez](#) pled guilty to possession of cocaine in Chicago, Illinois. He was exonerated in 2019 based on evidence that a corrupt Chicago police officer planted the drugs.

In 2014, [Alexander Washington-Riley](#) was convicted of one count of selling a controlled substance to an undercover officer and sentenced to probation. His conviction was vacated and his case dismissed in 2019 based on undisclosed evidence about an alternative suspect and the misidentification of Washington-Riley by the undercover officer.

For a complete list of the March exonerations, [visit our site here](#).

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