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OF EXONERATIONS



Three Groups Registry Cases Added in April

In our Group Registry, the [first case](#) involves misconduct by two detectives in the New York Police Department that led to 53 defendants having their wrongful convictions vacated. The [second case](#), also from New York, involves a detective whose misconduct undermined the integrity of six convictions. These dismissals occurred in 2021.

Our [third case](#), from Florida, involves misconduct by former officers in the Biscayne Park Police Department that led to the vacation of 31 wrongful convictions in 2018. The officers falsely arrested the defendants for a range of crimes during a period when the police chief was boasting about the town's low crime rate.

40 Individual Exonerations Posted

[Keith Carnes](#), of Kansas City, Missouri, was convicted of murder in 2006 and sentenced to life in prison. He was exonerated in 2022 after an eyewitness recanted her testimony and the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the state had failed to disclose exculpatory evidence.

[Pamela Moses](#), of Memphis, Tennessee, was convicted of voter fraud in 2021. She was exonerated in 2022 after new evidence showed she did not intend to deceive officials in her efforts to register to vote.

[Samuel Randolph IV](#) was sentenced

In 2012, [Jarrel Cleveland](#), of Houston, Texas, was sentenced to court supervision and later spent seven months in jail after pleading guilty to possession of cocaine. He was exonerated in 2022 based on a laboratory test which reported that no controlled substance was found.

[Thomas Ranes](#), of Tulsa, Oklahoma, pled guilty to drug possession in 2009. He was exonerated in 2011 after several officers involved in his arrest were indicted on corruption charges.

[Rafiq Dixon](#) was sentenced to life in prison in 2012 for a murder in Philadelphia. His conviction was vacated and he was released in 2022 because his defense attorney failed to call witnesses supporting Dixon's innocence and the lead detective was accused of corruption in other cases.

[Michael Haas](#), of Powhatan, Virginia, was convicted of two counts of sodomy in 1994. He was exonerated in 2022 after the victims recanted and doubt was cast on the forensic evidence.

In 1991, [Joaquin Ciria](#) was convicted of murder in San Francisco, California and sentenced to 31 years to life in prison. He was exonerated in 2022 based on evidence identifying the real killer, the recantation of his accuser, and an alibi witness.

[Patrick Harris](#) was sentenced to 39 years in prison in 2019 for a shooting that killed a friend in Bossier City, Louisiana. In 2021, after Harris argued on appeal that he was not allowed to present evidence supporting his claim of self-defense, the case was dismissed after an appeals court ruled the evidence was insufficient for conviction.

In 2010, [James Harris](#) was sentenced to 25 years in prison for possession of

to death in 2005 after being convicted of three shootings that left two dead and six wounded in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was exonerated in 2022 after a federal court ruled he had been denied his right to a lawyer of his choice and because of other evidence indicating that the witnesses against him had testified falsely and the prosecution failed to disclose exculpatory evidence.

In 2018, [Charles Brown](#) was sentenced to 14 months in prison after being convicted of attempted sexual battery in Lorain County, Ohio. After his conviction was overturned because of insufficient evidence, he was declared wrongfully imprisoned in 2021 and awarded \$250,000 in state compensation.

[Marvell Dixon](#), of Columbus, Ohio, was convicted of murder in 1998 and sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. He was exonerated in 2022 after two rival gang members said they falsely testified against Dixon.

[Carlos Jaile](#) received a sentence of life in prison in 1990 for the rape of a child in El Paso, Texas. He was exonerated in 2022 after the prosecution agreed it had failed to disclose DNA testing and microscopic hair comparison before Jaile's trial that excluded him as the rapist.

[Barry Jacobson](#) was exonerated in early 2022 of setting his Massachusetts vacation home ablaze in 1982. The exoneration came after an arson expert said evidence samples were mishandled, and the district attorney agreed that Jacobson's trial had been unfair because of antisemitic remarks by the jury foreperson.

Brothers [George and Melvin DeJesus](#), of Pontiac, Michigan, received life sentences in 1997 for the rape and murder of a neighbor. They were

cocaine in Houston, Texas. He was exonerated in 2021 based on DNA tests which did not link him to the physical evidence and other evidence which identified the real criminal.

exonerated in 2022 after new evidence supported their claim that the co-defendant who testified against them acted alone.

We also published the cases of 15 persons in Illinois who were granted exonerations through certificates of innocence after part of the state's law on weapon possession was found to be unconstitutional. They are: [Claudious Williams](#), [Bryan Estrada](#), [Melvin Jones](#), [Jamal Streeter](#), [Bobby Ezell](#), [Demond Christmas](#), [Ramone Shaffers](#), [D'Andre Fuller](#), [Jose Barriga](#), [Eric Blackmon](#), [Tarenzo Dillon](#), [Darnell Brown](#), [Jonel Clark](#), [Gregory Conway](#), and [Trevonti Carson](#).

We published nine more exonerations of defendants wrongly convicted based on misconduct by Chicago Police Sgt. Ronald Watts, leader of a group of corrupt officers at the center of more than 200 exonerations. They are: [Michael Conley](#), [Herbert Anderson](#), [Crystal Allen](#), [Dorian Walls](#), [Earl Lewis](#), [Jerome Fears](#), [Tyronne Fenton](#), [Joey Fenton](#), and [Gregory Dobbins](#).

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