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Join Us on Wednesday

Because the Registry is an academic research organization, we follow strict protocols on direct contact with exonerees.

Generally speaking, that means we don't talk with exonerees. But there are exceptions, such as instances where exonerees initiate contact with us. Or if one of us has a previous relationship with an exoneree.

That's the case with Senior Researcher Maurice Possley and Jerry Miller, who was exonerated in 2007. They developed a friendship when Possley covered his story for the Chicago Tribune.

It continues to this day, and we are looking forward to a conversation that Miller and Possley will have on December 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. EST. It promises to be a spirited discussion about the criminal-justice system, how far we've come and how far we have to go. Please join us. [Click here to register for the Zoom event.](#)

Eight Exonerations Posted in November

The Registry published eight exonerations in November. Browse our [recently posted](#) exonerations, including:

After more than 17 years in prison, [Kim Hoover-Moore](#) was exonerated in October 2021 of murdering a 9-month old girl in Franklin County, Ohio. She was convicted after medical experts said she shook the baby to death and exonerated by experts who said that testimony was not accurate.

More than 16 years after his murder conviction and receiving a 50-year prison sentence, [David Morris](#) was exonerated in

[Isaiah Andrews](#), of Cleveland, Ohio, was convicted in 1975 of killing his wife. He served 45 years in prison and was acquitted at a retrial in 2021, at which his attorney was able to tell jurors about evidence of an alternate suspect that prosecutors never disclosed to his original attorney.

[Patrick O'Hearn](#), of San Rafael, California, was sentenced to three years on probation in 2018 after pleading guilty

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had never been disclosed to Morris's defense.

[Zachary Vanderhorst](#) received a life sentence after pleading guilty in 1975 to charges of rape, burglary, robbery and felony murder tied to three home invasions in San Francisco, California. The felony-murder conviction from one home invasion was vacated in 2020, and he was exonerated of the other crimes in 2021 after his attorneys discovered evidence that showed he wasn't involved in either of the other two home invasions.

In 2021, [Stefon Morant](#) was pardoned of his conviction for a 1991 double murder in New Haven, Connecticut. He was wrongly convicted based on false testimony coerced by a corrupt police officer.

court ruled his attorney failed to investigate evidence of O'Hearn's innocence.

In 2003, [Troy Rhodes](#) was sentenced to 149 years in prison for attempted murder and armed robbery in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was exonerated in November 2021 because his trial lawyer had failed to use medical records showing that the victim was heavily medicated when he initially identified Rhodes to challenge the reliability of that identification.

In 2013, [Dustin Duty](#) was sentenced to 20 years in prison for an armed robbery he did not commit in Jacksonville, Florida. He was exonerated in 2021 by phone records and alibi testimony showing that he could not have committed the crime.

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