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A Monthly Summary of Registry Postings

Dec 2019: 13 Exonerations



11-13. In 1984, <u>Alfred Chestnut</u>, <u>Ransom Watkins</u>, and <u>Andrew Stewart Jr.</u> were sentenced to life in prison for murder in Baltimore, Maryland. They were exonerated in 2019 after a re-investigation revealed that the real killer's identity had been withheld by the prosecution and four eyewitnesses recanted their identifications.

- granted a new trial and the charges were dismissed in 2019 based on a video showing he did not assault the officer.
- 2. Everold Stewart was sentenced to 25 years in prison for murder in Dallas, Texas in 1988. Although he was released on parole in 1990, his conviction was vacated in 2019 after it was revealed that exculpatory witness statements were not given to his trial attorney.
- 3. In 2018, <u>Demetrius Jamison</u> was sentenced to 53 days in jail for assaulting police officers in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He was exonerated in 2019 by police bodycam videos that showed that the officers injured each other while attempting to arrest Jamison.
- 4. In 2013, Alexandre Ansari was sentenced to life in prison without parole for a shooting that killed a 15-year-old girl and wounded two others in Detroit, Michigan. He was exonerated in 2019 based on a witness who said Ansari was not the gunman and cell phone records that suggested he was not connected to the shooting.
- 5. In 2014, <u>Greg Kelley</u> was sentenced to 25 years in prison for molesting a four-year-old boy in Cedar Park, Texas. He was exonerated in 2019 based on evidence suggesting that another youth was the true perpetrator.

- was exonerated in 2019, after the real gunman admitted to two other people that he committed the crime and that Salters was not there.
- 7. Roynes Dural was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2003 for the first-degree sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl in Honolulu, Hawaii. Although paroled in 2011, his conviction was vacated in 2019 after two witnesses recanted and evidence surfaced that called into question the testimony of the girl.
- 8. In 1987, 19-year-old <u>Danny Burton</u> was sentenced to life in prison without parole for a murder in Detroit, Michigan. He was exonerated in 2019 after witnesses against him admitted they lied and other witnesses gave affidavits saying he was elsewhere at the time of the crime.
- 9. In 2003, William Busby was sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexually assaulting his girlfriend's 9-year-old son in Hohenwald, Tennessee. He was exonerated in 2019 based on evidence that the boy's mother coached him to say specific things at Busby's trial.
- 10. Paul Hurt of Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to life in prison for sexually abusing a child in 2002. In 2019, after the victim recanted, Gov. Matt Bevin pardoned Hurt.

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