



A Monthly Summary of Registry Postings

August 2020: Nine Exonerations



Keith Walker was imprisoned for more than 25 years after detectives tortured him into falsely confessing to a murder. Official misconduct often plays a role in wrongful convictions. (Photo: Chicago Sun Times)

of official misconduct by police, prosecutors, and other officials based on an analysis of 2,400 exonerations in the Registry.

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Nine Exonerations Posted in August

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In 1994, [Keith Walker](#) was sentenced to life in prison without parole for a murder in Chicago, Illinois. The prosecution agreed to vacate his conviction in 2020 and he was released based on evidence that Walker falsely confessed to the crime after detectives tortured him.

[Otis Mallet Jr.](#) was sentenced in 2011 to eight years in prison for a drug possession conviction in Houston, Texas. He was exonerated in 2020 based on evidence that the arresting police officer framed him.

In 1972, [Dennis Butler](#) was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison for a murder in Washington, D.C. based on FBI testimony that his hair was a "match" to hair on the victim's clothing. Butler was exonerated in 2020 because the hair testimony was misleading.

In 2012, [Edward Khalil](#) was sentenced to life in prison for murder in Detroit, Michigan. He was granted a new trial and convicted again in 2014. In 2020, the Wayne County Conviction Integrity Unit concluded Khalil was innocent based on the statement of a witness and cell phone records.

[Eric DeBerry](#) of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for a robbery and shooting in 2000. He was exonerated in 2020 after the real shooter confessed, and the victim recanted his account of the crime.

In 1994, [Rogelio Gutierrez](#) and [Ersan Yurtman](#) were each sentenced to 30 years in prison for taking part in the gang-rape of a 13-year-old girl in San Antonio, Texas. They were exonerated in 2020 after the victim recanted her testimony that they were involved, and the prosecution admitted failing to disclose that she had mental health problems and had recanted prior to the trial.

In 2009, [Fredrick Earl Bain](#) was sentenced to 75 months in prison after being convicted of sexually abusing his 7-year-old daughter. He was pardoned by Oregon Governor Kate Brown in August 2020 after Bain's daughter said no sexual abuse ever occurred.

In 1995, [Arturo Jimenez](#) was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison for murder in Los Angeles, California. He was exonerated in 2020 based on evidence that another man was the gunman.

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