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14 Exonerations Posted in January



Joyce Watkins was wrongfully incarcerated for 27 years. (Photo: Inside Edition)

The Registry published 14 individual exonerations in January. Browse our [recently posted](#) exonerations, including:

In 2013, [Shateek Lanier](#) was sentenced to 20 years in prison for attempted murder in Troy, New York. He was exonerated in 2021 after an eyewitness admitted she never saw the shooting and another witness said Lanier was elsewhere at the time of the crime.

[Lamar Barnes](#) was sentenced to life in prison in 2003 for a murder in Portsmouth, Virginia. Barnes was pardoned by Gov. Ralph Northam in 2022, after his attorneys showed that prosecutors had manipulated the testimony of a key witness and failed to disclose other evidence that pointed to

In 1991, [Paul Madison](#) was sentenced to 50 years in prison for a murder in Baltimore, Maryland. He was exonerated in 2021 based on evidence pointing to other suspects that the prosecution had failed to disclose at the time of trial.

[Jervon Tillman](#) was convicted in 2009 of an armed robbery in Henrico County, Virginia. He was pardoned by Gov. Ralph Northam in 2022, in part because the prosecutor suppressed the victim's initial description of the assailant, which was inconsistent with Tillman's appearance.

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In 2012, [Larry Dunn Jr.](#) was sentenced to 10 years in prison in Racine, Wisconsin for killing a fellow bar patron. He was exonerated in 2022 after new expert evidence indicated that the man's death could have resulted from an accidental fall.

[Shaun Jenkins](#) was sentenced in 2005 to life in prison without parole for the murder of his cousin in Boston, Massachusetts. He was exonerated in 2021 based on evidence pointing to another suspect that the prosecution failed to disclose.

Sixteen-year-old [Kenji Howard](#), of Compton, California, falsely confessed to a murder, for which he was sentenced to life in prison in 1997. He was exonerated in 2021, after the real culprit confessed, and a re-evaluation of the forensic evidence supported his statements that he didn't fire a gun at the victims.

[John Oliva](#), a police officer in Suffolk County, New York, pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of official misconduct in 2014. Oliva was exonerated in 2021 after an investigation showed that corrupt police and a prosecutor fraudulently obtained a wiretap against him and threatened him because he was talking to the media about problems in the police department.

Detroit, Michigan. A year later, [David Owens](#) was sentenced to 25 years in prison for that same murder. They were exonerated in 2021 after witnesses admitted they lied and other witnesses said the men were elsewhere at the time of the crime. Their co-defendant, [Danny Burton](#), had been exonerated in 2019.

[Joyce Watkins](#) and [Charlie Dunn](#) were sentenced to life in prison in 1988 for the rape and murder of a four-year-old girl in Nashville, Tennessee. They were exonerated (Dunn posthumously) in 2022 based on new forensic evidence that the girl's injuries could have occurred before Watkins and Dunn began caring for her.

In 2001, [Devonia Inman](#) was sentenced to life in prison for a murder in Adel, Georgia. He was exonerated in 2021, after DNA testing linked a mask worn in the crime to another suspect and a jailhouse informant recanted his testimony that Inman had admitted to the crime.

[Eric Weakley](#) pled guilty in 2001 to second-degree murder in the death of an elderly woman in Culpeper County, Virginia. He was pardoned by Gov. Ralph Northam in 2022, several years after the exoneration of Weakley's co-defendant, based on evidence that Weakley had confessed to a crime he didn't commit.

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