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Exoneree Sidney Holmes embraces his mother and aunt after being released on March 13. (Photo courtesy of the South Florida Sun Sentinel)

[Lamar Johnson](#) was convicted of first-degree murder in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1995. He was exonerated in 2023, years after the only eyewitness to the shooting recanted his testimony and the actual gunmen had come forward and confessed to their involvement.

In 1989, [Sidney Holmes](#) was sentenced to 400 years in prison after he was convicted of robbery in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was exonerated in 2023 based on evidence suggesting he was the victim of mistaken witness identification.

In 2016, [Mack Howell](#) was sentenced

In 1992, [Barry Kamara](#) was sentenced to life in prison for a murder in Boston, Massachusetts. He was exonerated in 2023 based on the prosecution's failure to disclose evidence of an alternative suspect.

In 1997, [Louis Charriez](#) was convicted of murder in Brooklyn, New York, and sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. He was granted a new trial and the case was dismissed in 2023 because the prosecution failed to disclose \$56,000 in benefits paid to witnesses, allowed witnesses to falsely deny receiving benefits, and then falsely argued to the jury that the witnesses had no reason to

to 25 to 50 years in prison for an armed robbery in Eastpointe, Michigan. He was exonerated in 2023 based on evidence pointing to another suspect as well as medical records showing he was incapable of committing the crime.

In 1997, [Andrew Krivak](#) was convicted of murder and rape and sentenced to 25 years to life in Putnam County, New York. He was granted a new trial based on evidence pointing to another man as the real criminal and was acquitted at a retrial in 2023.

[Scott Traudt](#) was convicted in 2008 of assault on a police officer in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He was exonerated in 2023, after a judge ruled prosecutors had failed to disclose impeachment evidence against one of the officers who testified at Traudt's trial.

In 1999, [Leon Benson](#) was sentenced to 60 years in prison for a murder in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was exonerated in 2023 by evidence pointing to another man that the police had failed to disclose.

[Christopher Goodwin](#), of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was convicted of murder in 2013. He was exonerated in 2023, after the arrest of an officer involved in his case gave credence to the claim of an eyewitness that he was coerced into making a false statement against Goodwin.

[Michael Luera Jr.](#) was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to sexually abusing a five-year-old girl in 2003. He was exonerated in 2023 after the girl admitted the allegation was false.

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In 1998, [Martin Santillan](#) was sentenced to life in prison for a murder in Dallas, Texas. He was exonerated in 2023 by DNA testing which identified the real killer.

[Michael Yates](#) was convicted of armed robbery in Kokomo, Indiana, in 2009. He was exonerated in 2023, based on the state's failure to disclose the terms of its plea arrangement with Yates's codefendant, its star witness.

[Marvin Hill](#) was convicted of murder and other crimes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 2012. He was exonerated in 2023, after a new analysis of the evidence bolstered his alibi for the time of the shooting.

[Willie Knighten Jr.](#), of Toledo, Ohio, was convicted of murder and attempted murder in 1997. He was granted clemency in 2009 and pardoned in 2022 after the trial judge wrote a letter to the governor saying that Knighten was innocent.

In 2001, [John Martinez](#) was sentenced to 25 years in prison for a murder in Chicago, Illinois. He was exonerated in 2023 based on evidence that the lead detective, Reynaldo Guevara, coerced witnesses to falsely identify Martinez.

In 2005, [Cordero Payne](#) was sentenced to boot camp after pleading guilty to possession of heroin in Chicago, Illinois. He was exonerated in 2022 based on evidence that corrupt police had framed him.

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