

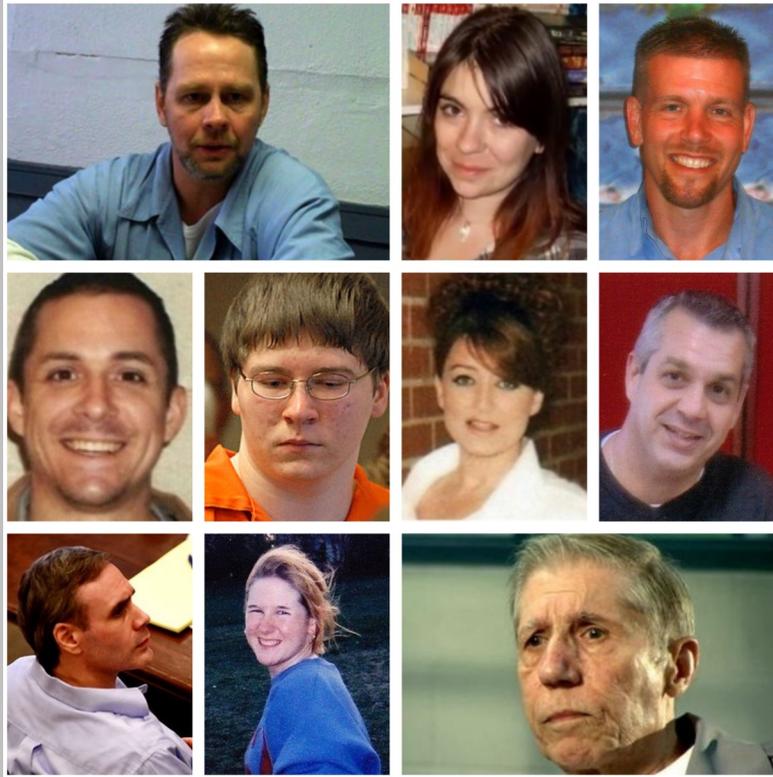


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April 3, 2018

By Bruce Fischer

According to the [National Registry of Exonerations](#), courts in the United States overturned 139 wrongful convictions in 2017. Sixty percent of the exonerations in 2017 were a result of official misconduct. That is the highest number of convictions overturned because of misconduct ever to be documented in a calendar year. It is disturbing to know that honesty and integrity could have prevented so much pain and suffering.

Over the past quarter century, America has incarcerated more people than any civilized nation on earth. A disturbing number of those incarcerations have been wrongful convictions. Hundreds of exonerations can be credited to advanced DNA technology. But research on topics like, bite mark evidence, fire investigation technology, and shaken baby syndrome, have all played a significant role as well. The ability to distribute information via the internet has also proven to be an invaluable resource when fighting wrongful convictions.

Exoneration statistics show that we are on the right track, but we have a long way to go. We need to correct the mistakes we have made, all while working to reforming the system which allowed those mistakes to occur in the first place. Sadly, the wrongful conviction problem is far more pervasive than most people realize, and even with increased interest, most cases continue to lack the attention they warrant. Many innocent people remain in prison. They need others to be their voice. Please join us in the fight to free the innocent.

Kirstin Lobato Freed And An Outrageous Miscarriage Of Justice Finally Corrected

By Philip Mause

On December 19, 2017, Judge Stefany Miley finally set aside the conviction of Kirstin Lobato and thereby righted one of the most outrageous miscarriages of justice in history. Many of our cases are complex, require delicate balancing of conflicting evidence and come down to burden of proof issues. Not this one. In this case, there was absolutely NO competent evidence of guilt and there was conclusive alibi evidence of innocence. As I have written before, it is MUCH more likely that I murdered Duran Bailey than that Kirstin Lobato did so. Put another way, in a world beset with uncertainties and ambiguity, one of the few things that we can be ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN of is that Kirstin Lobato did NOT kill Duran Bailey.

How did the Las Vegas police and prosecutors blunder into this fiasco? It wasn't easy. It took a bizarre combination of legal ignorance, lassitude, incompetent investigation, judicial bias and arrogance to get there.



Kirstin Lobato on the day of her release.

The story is relatively simple. On Memorial Day weekend in 1998, Kirstin Lobato was attacked on the east side of Las Vegas by a large African American man attempting to rape her and she was able to defend herself by pulling out a knife and jabbing him in the penis. She recounted her story of this traumatic event to numerous friends and acquaintances in June and early July.

On July 8 at about 10 p.m. the brutally murdered body of Duran Bailey was found on the west side of Las Vegas. His penis had been cut off. There were some plausible suspects but the police had been unable able to resolve the case.

On July 20, the police got a phone call indicating that a resident of Panaca (170 miles from Las Vegas) had told a former teacher that she had stabbed a man's penis in Las Vegas. The police headed up to Panaca, took Lobato's statement (without asking when the event occurred) and arrested her. The wheels of the "justice" system were now spinning rapidly and heading the vehicle over a steep cliff.

There were all sorts of differences between the event Lobato described and the Bailey homicide - the time and place of the incident, the size of the man she encountered, etc. But that didn't stop the police - now blinded by confirmation bias - from railroading her.

As the forensic evidence came in, it was clear that there was ABSOLUTELY no evidence of Lobato at the crime scene. In fact, considerable evidence suggested a male perpetrator of larger size and strength than the 100 pound 18-year-old the police had honed in on. And - try as they might, the police were also unable to find a shred of evidence of what was a very gory crime on Lobato, her clothes, her vehicle or any of her possessions.

Lobato also had conclusive evidence that she was in Panaca 170 miles away from the crime scene on the day the crime was committed.

Of course, her statement about the Memorial Day weekend incident could not possibly refer to the Bailey murder because she told numerous people about the Memorial Day incident well before the Bailey murder had even occurred. Duran Bailey was walking the streets alive and well at times when Lobato was telling friends about the penis stabbing incident.

Kirstin Lobato Freed (continued)



Kirstin Lobato & Michelle Ravell speak with the media.

So the only shred of conceivable evidence the prosecution had was totally irrelevant, incompetent and immaterial in relation to the Bailey murder. It had no probative value linking Lobato to a crime which occurred on July 8.

Worse yet, overwhelming alibi evidence established Lobato's presence in Panaca - 170 miles from the crime scene - on the day of the murder. The prosecution tried to undermine this evidence but finally conceded that Lobato was in Panaca at all times after 11 a.m. on July 8 (in fact, there was also conclusive evidence that she was there earlier that day, but the prosecution couldn't concede that).

So - how did we wind up with a conviction here?

A very biased and cognitively challenged judge who has since exited the bench made ridiculous evidentiary rulings. The police got a jailhouse snitch to testify. The prosecution manipulated the time of death to create a "window" which would just barely allow Lobato to commit the crime and then emulate Dale Earnhardt speeding back to Panaca in time to show up at 11 a.m.

The Nevada Supreme Court threw out the first conviction and the Las Vegas "nightmare team" of prosecutors and police tried again and got a manslaughter conviction.

Once again the Nevada Supreme Court reversed and sent the case back to investigate "actual innocence" as well as ineffective assistance of counsel. It seems that neglected forensic evidence demonstrated conclusively that the crime had to have been committed no earlier than sunset on July 8 - a time when even the prosecution conceded Lobato was 170 miles from the crime scene.

FINALLY, the system worked. The conviction was overturned and the prosecution decided that it had had enough.

But it never would have happened without the tireless efforts of Michelle Ravell, the Innocence Project, and other Lobato supporters in Nevada and around the country.

And this forces us to ask - how many other cases like this are there? How many clearly innocent victims of our "justice" system are languishing in prison because they have no Michelle Ravell on their side. It is absolutely terrifying that our legal system can generate a conviction like this one. And it makes one think that virtually anything is possible in our criminal courts.

Kirstin Lobato lost nearly 20 years of life (she was out briefly between her two trials) and there is no way to get that back. But there is no excuse for the rest of us. We must campaign tirelessly and aggressively to reform the Leviathan which our criminal "justice" system has become.

The Next Legal Step In The Amanda Knox Case: The European Court Of Human Rights

By Avrom Brendzel

In the next legal step for Amanda Knox, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), on a date currently unknown, will issue a judgment in the case of Amanda Marie Knox v. Italy. In an important initial step, indicating that the case has passed a preliminary ECHR review, the case was communicated to Italy on April 29, 2016.

Amanda Knox and her then boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, in a series of trials were convicted, acquitted, convicted, and then finally and definitively acquitted March 27, 2015 of the November 1, 2007 murder/rape of her flat-mate, Meredith Kercher, in Perugia, Italy. However, during the course of those trials, Knox was finally convicted March 25, 2013 of the crime of false accusation (in Italian, "calunnia") against Diya "Patrick" Lumumba.



Amanda Knox

It is highly likely that the ECHR judgment will find in favor of Amanda Knox and against Italy, and, if Italy then follows its own laws as well as international law, the end result will be the eventual revision of Knox's conviction for false accusation, meaning an acquittal or other dismissal of the conviction.

The ECHR is the international human rights court of the Council of Europe (CoE), whose final judgments Italy, a Member State of the CoE, is obligated by treaty to follow. The ECHR will judge whether or not Italy violated Knox's rights under the European Convention of Human Rights (Convention). The rights broadly defined by the Convention are more specifically called out by the principles developed in ECHR case-law.

In Knox v. Italy, Knox has alleged that Italy violated her Convention rights by convicting her of falsely accusing Lumumba when she was questioned without a lawyer and allegedly under coercion by Italian authorities investigating the rape and murder of Meredith Kercher. She was also denied a lawyer during the several days before her arrest hearing, when she wrote two documents on her own initiative.

Under ECHR case-law it is a violation of the Convention for the statements made by a person questioned without a lawyer or obtained under coercion to be used to convict that person of a crime. ECHR case-law further requires, except under compelling circumstances, that a suspect placed in detention be immediately provided with a lawyer to prepare a defense. Thus, it would be a violation of the Convention if a conviction results from circumstances related to the unjustified denial of a lawyer during a period of detention.

It is a violation of Italian procedural law to use any statement, considered incriminating by the police or prosecutor, of a person questioned without a lawyer, against that person in court. Italian procedural law also prohibits the use during questioning of any method or technique that influences the free will of a person or alters the person's capacity to recall or evaluate facts. Italian procedural law states that evidence gathered in violation of a procedural law shall not be used.

In a 2008 judgment, the Italian Supreme Court of Cassation agreed that Knox's rights under Italian law had been violated during the questioning and ruled that her statements from the questioning could not be used against her. Apparently this ruling did not in practice apply to the charges relating to false accusation because of a document that Knox wrote on her own initiative soon after the questioning and gave to the police. That document included, among other statements, the claim that she had been threatened and hit by the police during the questioning.

The Next Legal Step In The Amanda Knox Case: The European Court Of Human Rights (continued).

If the ECHR finds that Italy violated the Convention resulting in an unfair trial for Knox, on Knox's request, Italy would be obligated under the Convention to reopen the trial proceedings and conduct them fairly, in accordance with the Convention.

According to Italian law, a final conviction may be considered for revision to an acquittal or other dismissal under certain conditions. By a 2011 decision of Italy's Supreme Constitutional Court, these conditions include a final judgment by the ECHR that the trial proceedings must be reopened. The Constitutional Court issued this decision based on an article of the Italian Constitution which requires that Italian legal practices conform to the provisions of international law.

The ECHR web site home page at www.echr.coe.int has links to extensive information including descriptions of how the ECHR works, guides to case-law, communicated cases, and case judgments.

An expanded version of this article is available on Wrongful Conviction News.

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Charles Erickson's Defense Team Prepares To File His Appeal

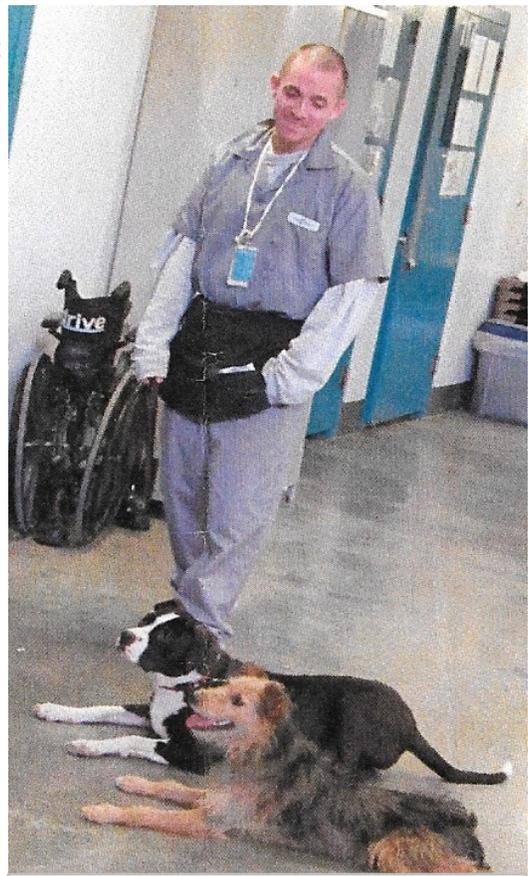
By Bruce Fischer

Charlie continues to prepare for his future, as his defense team works on his appeal. According to Charlie's mom, Marianne, the first draft of his appellate petition has been completed. Charlie's legal team expects to file the petition very soon.

Charlie is currently participating in the Puppies for Parole Program. According to their website: "Puppies for Parole is a unique program made possible through our partnerships with animal shelters and animal advocate groups statewide. Selected offenders have the opportunity to become trainers to rescue dogs in the program. Offenders work with the dogs teaching them basic obedience skills and properly socializing the animals, making them more adoptable. Once the dogs have successfully completed the program, they will be adopted through their original shelter."

Marianne recently posted a Facebook update on Charlie's involvement with the puppy program. Charlie currently has three dogs in his cell. Skippy, Jethro, and Alex. Skippy is a Jack Russell terrier puppy and Jethro is a one-year-old hound. Jethro is Charlie's main assignment, while Skippy is assigned to Charlie's cellmate, Jeffrey. Alex is an extra room-in dog. Charlie says Jethro runs miles with him on the track, but does not like baths! Jethro has had a life of abuse, and is now getting a second chance. Charlie says he is a very smart dog and he is accepting love and training well. Charlie's former dog-in-training, Daisy, was successfully adopted into a loving family. Jethro is now on the same path.

Please visit Charlie's [Facebook Page](#) to keep up to date with current events.



Charlie pictured with his dogs in training.

David Thorne Case Update

By Sue Gless Thorne

David Thorne was wrongfully convicted in January, 2000 in the death of Yvonne Layne. David was accused and convicted of hiring Joseph Wilkes, a teenaged friend, to murder his former girlfriend. David has always maintained his innocence. Joseph Wilkes recanted his confession.

Once David's appeals were exhausted in 2012, we knew that any further movement on his case would be as a result of media involvement, or even better, new evidence. To go hand in hand with either of these, we would hope for a pro bono attorney willing to get involved and prepare any information we would uncover for court filings.

In 2017, we were approached by a television series that was focused on defendants whose appeals were exhausted and who were 'without hope' of legal recourse. David's case was one of a couple dozen being considered, with the end game being his story being made into a TV show, but also being awarded a team of pro bono attorney's.

After many months of educating the crew and answering hundreds of questions, David's case was chosen for the TV show. The crew came to Ohio and interviewed many people. They went to the scene of the crime and familiarized themselves with Alliance, Ohio. They spent an afternoon with me. Next, they went to the London Correctional Institution and met David, interviewing him at length. Long-time case participant, forensic expert Dr. Brent Turvey, came to Ohio to participate in filming and case discussion.

As of early 2018, the TV show remains unnamed and is reportedly in the editing stage. An air-date is unclear. However, the law firm of Kushner, Hamed & Grostic Co. LPA has signed on to represent David Thorne pro bono. Mr. Kushner has been to the prison and to the war room to view our case file. He and his firm are working with Jerry Summers, MBA, from Conflict Resolutions LLC, to uncover appealable issues and to look for new evidence.

David remains hopeful, as always. He is appreciative of his many supporters and is himself supportive of the many other wrongfully convicted.

You can keep up to date with David's case by visiting the Free David Thorne [Facebook page](#).



David Thorne



Rodney Lincoln Has Now Spent Nearly 36 Years Behind Bars As An Innocent Man

By supporters of Rodney Lincoln

The Rodney Lincoln case has had some promising moments in the last several years but all with disappointing results. As we approach the 36th anniversary of his arrest on May 23rd, he is still behind bars. 74 years old, in declining health, still proclaiming his innocence and still waiting for justice to FINALLY be served.

In 2013 Rodney was finally awarded a hearing to litigate the importance of exculpatory DNA testing. His attorneys at the Midwest Innocence Project had fought for years just to get the courts to allow the testing which finally took place in 2010. Results made public in November of that year proved that the only physical evidence used against Rodney at his trial had been false. The pubic hair found at the scene that was characterized at trial as a "match" to Rodney Lincoln could not possibly have come from him. A few more years of legal wrangling led to the evidentiary hearing finally taking place in September 2013. Rodney, his attorneys, and his family and friends were optimistic that this would lead to his wrongful conviction being vacated. Unfortunately, after several months, those hopes were dashed when St. Louis Circuit Judge Robin Vannoy released her decision on Christmas Eve denying relief. She stated that although the DNA clearly demonstrated the physical evidence used against him at trial was faulty, it was not enough to overturn the conviction; the physical evidence was not the lynchpin of the case and was merely cumulative to the eyewitness identification.



Rodney Lincoln

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The Midwest Innocence Project appealed that decision in Eastern District Appellate Court and Oral Arguments were heard in November 2014. The Appeals Court rendered their decision affirming the circuit court decision a mere two weeks later. Rodney's team petitioned for rehearing immediately and it was denied in January 2015 followed by a request to have the matter transferred to Missouri Supreme Court in February 2015 which was denied in March 2015.

Rodney's attorneys started preparing a Habeas Corpus Petition to be filed in Cole County Circuit Court citing other problems in the investigation and trial that led to Rodney's unjust incarceration.

As they were busily working on this new petition, Rodney's daughter Kay was approached by a producer from a new television show called Crime Watch Daily that wanted to take a look at Rodney's case in relation to a story they were doing about serial killer Tommy Lynn Sells. Sells' name had been mentioned as someone who may have been the actual perpetrator of the crimes Rodney stood convicted of. His MO fit this crime, he had been in St. Louis at the time and had committed other murders with eerie similarities to the Joann Tate murder. As the show dug deeper into the Rodney Lincoln conviction their producers and investigators became convinced not only of his innocence, but in their belief that Tommy Lynn Sells had committed this murder and they presented that belief in their first ever one-hour exclusive show. As part of their investigative process, they also interviewed Melissa DeBoer, the now grown 7-year-old assault victim whose eyewitness testimony sealed Rodney's conviction so many years ago. In her initial interview in the summer of 2015 she stated emphatically that it was Rodney Lincoln who killed her mother and brutalized her and her 4-year-old sister.

The show aired just before Thanksgiving on November 23rd, 2015. That Saturday on November 28th Melissa contacted Rodney's daughter Kay through Facebook and expressed her belief that she had been mistaken all these years. After watching the show, and seeing crime scene photos for the first time, she started having horrible flashbacks and repressed memories began surfacing and she was now convinced that Tommy Lynn Sells was the man who had actually committed the horrific crimes against her family.

Rodney Lincoln Has Now Spent Nearly 33 Years Behind Bars As An Innocent Man (continued)

This startling revelation began a flurry of activity and there was actual hope that Rodney would be home by Christmas 2015. Rodney's attorneys hurriedly included this new information in their developing Habeas petition. Melissa flew into St. Louis to meet with prosecutors and tell them in person that Rodney was innocent and that she wanted nothing more than to see him released. At first it seemed like maybe the prosecutors were willing to work with the attorneys and the families to get Rodney home but then the MO Attorney General took over the case, stating it was within their jurisdiction and that they would oppose any motion for release "as a matter of procedure".



Rodney Lincoln hugging Melissa DeBoer

After both sides filed several briefs with the court, an evidentiary hearing was held in Cole County Circuit in front of Judge Daniel Greene on March 16 and 17, 2016. An extremely emotional Melissa testified at that hearing that Rodney Lincoln was innocent of the crimes that he was convicted of and that she, her mother and sister would not have justice until Rodney was released. Two other relatives of Joann Tate also testified that their family had always had doubts that the man convicted was the man responsible for the attack but felt they needed to stand behind Melissa. The state called no witnesses but did their best to discredit Melissa on cross examination. Judge Greene did not issue a decision for three months and then, heartlessly, released his decision on June 16th, 2016. On June 15, he had denied a motion filed by Rodney's attorneys to allow him to travel to the funeral of his 23-year-old granddaughter who had been murdered in St. Louis earlier that week. As Kay and her family were at the funeral home holding a visitation for her murdered daughter, she got a phone call from Rodney's attorneys letting her know that Judge Greene had literally signed the state's proposed findings complete with misspellings and grammatical errors. He sat on the case for three months, did not even write his own opinion or acknowledge the evidence and testimony submitted, and issued a decision on the day when it could inflict the most pain. Both families were devastated at this outcome.

Rodney's attorneys promptly filed an appeal with the Western District Appellate Court who issued a decision on October 11, 2016 stating that they could not consider the petitioner's convincing claims of innocence because he was not sentenced to death. They opined that the Amrine claim that was the basis of the Habeas Corpus petition only applied to death penalty cases. The Amrine claim is based on the case of Missouri prisoner Joseph Amrine who was exonerated and released from Death Row based on showing all evidence from his conviction to be false and that no credible evidence of guilt remained. The Western district stated in their opinion that until the MO Supreme Court stated that the Amrine claim could apply to non-death penalty cases, they could not assume that it did. Rodney's attorneys requested rehearing and transfer to the Supreme Court, which were denied in November 2016 and May 2017 respectively. Rodney also had yet another parole hearing in April 2017, at which Melissa again pled for his release. Parole was denied and he cannot apply for another five years. That was yet another decision with horrible timing. Rodney received the denial letter the day his children laid their mother to rest. In fact, the last two years have been wrought with pain and loss for Rodney, beginning with the murder of his granddaughter in June 2016. In October of that year his niece was murdered by her estranged husband, followed by the sudden death of his first love and best friend of over 50 years, Karen in November 2016. In early 2017 he lost another life-long friend and then his first wife and mother of his children in June, 2017.

Rodney Lincoln Has Now Spent Nearly 33 Years Behind Bars As An Innocent Man (continued)

Rodney's attorneys are currently working on the next steps to be taken legally which have not been decided yet but could include filing a Habeas Corpus petition in federal court. Meanwhile, the MO Supreme Court has been considering another case very similar to Rodney's. They appointed a Special Master to decide the case of David Robinson in February of 2017. In February of 2018 that Master issued his report recommending exoneration and stating unequivocally that the Appellate Court in Rodney's case misinterpreted the meaning and intention of the Amrine opinion, stating that nowhere does the opinion dictate that it should only be applied to death penalty cases. This is not a final ruling by the court but if they do adopt Judge Missey's recommendation, it seems that they would be paving the way for Rodney's exoneration as well. It is very encouraging. But then, we've been optimistic before. It will definitely be interesting to see how the Robinson case plays out in the Supreme Court.

Rodney's case was also recently the basis of an in-depth article by independent investigative journalist J. Malcom Garcia who spent several months in 2017 getting to know Rodney and his family as well as Melissa and her family. His article will be published online by Latterly Magazine in April 2018.

Please visit Rodney Lincoln's [Facebook Group](#) to keep up with current events.

Brian Peixoto Discusses 22 Years Behind Bars As An Innocent Man

By Bruce Fischer

Brian Peixoto started off 2018 by writing a new blog post to update his supporters. Brian titled the blog post "22", which signifies the number of years he has spent wrongfully imprisoned. In the blog post, Brian discuss his daily struggles to cope with being incarcerated as an innocent man. 2017 was a year that brought both joy and sadness for Brian. He continues to remain strong as his legal team works on his appeal. [You can read Brian's blog here.](#)

Brian Peixoto was convicted in 1996 for the murder of his girlfriend's 3-year-old son Christopher Affonso, Jr. Brian is currently being housed at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Concord (MCI Concord), where he is serving a life sentence without parole.



Brian Peixoto

Brian has always strongly proclaimed his innocence, and he is grateful that he has not been alone in his fight for freedom. Brian has a strong ever-growing [group of supporters](#) who have shown no intention of letting up their efforts until the day Brian is set free.

Brian's trial and sentencing took less than a week. He has now spent over two decades behind bars, with his appeals process still ongoing. Brian has an incredibly strong case for innocence. The prosecution argued at Brian's trial that the child's death was the result of abuse inflicted by Brian, as punishment to the child for wetting his pants. The truth is that the young boy had fallen down a set of stairs, while in his mother's care, ten days prior to the day of his death. The fall caused the child to suffer a subdural hematoma, which over a period of time led the boy to have seizures resulting in his death. Brian Peixoto bears no responsibility whatsoever for the child's death.

Four nationally and internationally recognized medical experts have reviewed Brian's case, and all agree that the child's death was the result of injuries sustained during a previous fall, not from child abuse inflicted on the day of his death. Brian's defense team, led by attorney Jennifer Fitzgerald, is in the process of preparing an appeal in light of new evidence which proves Brian's innocence.

Fight To Free Jamie Snow Continues On After Recent Setback



Jamie Snow

By Tam Alex

Jamie Snow's federal habeas petition was recently denied. It was a horrible ruling which was nothing more than a regurgitation of the trial decision. Once again, the court failed to address the merits of the case. All new evidence was once again ignored. In 18 years, Jamie has only had one trial. No evidentiary hearing - no new trial. Just appeal, after appeal, after appeal, building on new evidence that the courts refuse to consider.

Jamie was wrongfully convicted in 2001 for the 1991 murder of William Little, a gas station attendant in Bloomington, Illinois. Jamie is currently serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole in Stateville prison in Joliet, Illinois. Jamie has proclaimed his innocence from day one. In the years following his conviction, new information has come to light clearly showing that Jamie is an innocent man. To date, the courts have willingly ignored this information.

Jamie's attorney, Tara Thompson, did a great job arguing in front of very conservative federal judges in October of 2017. Unfortunately, Jamie had a bad draw when it comes to the panel of judges who heard his case. The recent decision was a disappointment, but Jamie and his supporters will never stop the fight, regardless of any setbacks. We will keep moving forward. We continue to uncover new evidence, and this will be the year that we are going public with every bit of it. It's time for the public to hear the truth about everyone involved in this injustice. More news on that coming soon.

Why is the state afraid to release the case files?

Jamie continues to fight for DNA testing. The state has resisted every step of the way. Most recently, the state has been fighting a motion for discovery. Because we were unconvinced the state has turned all of the relevant documents over, Jamie's attorney's asked that we be granted the entire case file. The state vigorously opposed this, and due to the state's opposition, the judge ultimately ruled that attorney's from the Exoneration Project must go to McLean County and review the thousands of documents in person. However, they could not make any copies of documents, and could not take any pictures of documents.

During that review session, attorneys from the Exoneration Project discovered relevant documents that had not been disclosed. Hence, the issue was brought up again in the last court status meeting, and when attorney's again, asked the judge to grant discovery – the state again opposed it. This resulted in the judge telling the attorney's once again that they must go to McLean County and review the thousands of documents under the watchful eye of the state's attorney, without allowing them to make copies or take photos of the documents.

Fight To Free Jamie Snow Continues On After Recent Setback (continued)

The DNA motion has been before the courts for five years. This is absurd. Anyone who follows this case should be outraged to see the state working so hard to block the defense from obtaining discovery for the case. What does the state have to hide? If they are truly convinced that they convicted the right person, why are they so worried about releasing case files to the defense?

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed against the City of Bloomington, Illinois.

In March 2017, myself and my colleague, Ray Wilson, filed a FOIA lawsuit against the City of Bloomington because they have not properly responded to our FOIA requests. After a year of wrangling, we have come to an impasse, and the state has refused to produce requested documentation. The state has now filed a motion to dismiss our case against them. We are in the process of preparing a response to their ridiculous request.

We find it quite telling that the state has sent us everything except the specific critical items we have requested, of which we have proof that they have in their possession. Why are they afraid to release those files? We are going to fight the state every step of the way. Residents of McLean County should be very concerned to see their states attorney's office attempting to suppress evidence. It is time for people to demand better from their elected officials.

Please visit [Jamie Snow's Facebook Page](#) and [FreeJamieSnow.com](#) to keep up to date with current events.

Over 62,000 People Have Signed Jamie's Change.org Petition Asking For DNA Testing

While an innocent man remains in prison, there is DNA evidence from the case that has gone untested. For nearly 8 years, the McLean County State's Attorney's Office has fought DNA testing in this case. The University of Chicago's Exoneration Project has agreed to pay for all the DNA testing at no cost to McLean County taxpayers, but the State Attorney still refuses.

Allow the Exoneration Project to pay for it, save the tax payer dollars, and let's put an end to the cloud of doubt surrounding this case. If this crime had occurred today, there is no doubt the state would test every single piece of physical evidence collected from the crime scene.

To date, there have been 337 post-conviction DNA exonerations in the United States – and Illinois has one of the highest DNA exoneration rates in the nation. Yet McLean County continues to show a pattern of opposing DNA testing. Many of these cases were prosecuted under the same State Attorneys Office as Jamie Snow's case and resulted in questionable convictions. It's time to test the DNA. Join the fight! **Add your signature today!**



Decision On Jeff Havard Case Expected In Coming Months

By Bruce Fischer

Waiting is nothing new for Jeff Havard, so it doesn't come as much of a surprise that there has been a delay on the decision coming from his evidentiary hearing which took place in August of 2017. Judge Forrest Johnson recently told the Natchez Democrat that a delay in filing the court transcript caused the process to linger. Now that the transcript is filed, the process can move forward. The judge stated that he would have a ruling "clearly by summer".

Jeffrey "Jeff" Havard currently sits wrongfully convicted on death row in Mississippi for the sexual assault and murder of his girlfriend's six-month-old daughter, Chloe Britt. Jeff has stated from the beginning that the infant slipped from his arms while lifting her from the tub, causing her head to hit a nearby toilet. There is no evidence whatsoever to support a sexual assault charge. Multiple experts currently support Jeff's claims that Chloe's death was the result of an accident.



Adams County Courthouse, Natchez, MS

In May of 2016, the Mississippi Supreme Court ordered an evidentiary hearing for Jeff's case based on defense claims of new evidence due to changes in the science behind Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS). Jeff's evidentiary hearing began on August 14, 2017 and concluded on August 16, 2017.

The hearing began with instructions from Judge Johnson, laying out the guidelines set by the Mississippi Supreme Court. The high court recognized that the cause of death in Jeff's case warranted review but the high court did not grant the defense's additional request to review the charge of sexual assault, keeping on par with their previous rulings on past appeals.

The high court's orders that Jeff's evidentiary hearing could only review the charge of SBS, provided for unique circumstances, because Jeff sits on death row solely due to the combination of charges. Without the charge of sexual assault being tacked on, Jeff's case would have never been a death penalty case in the first place. Jeff's lawyers refused to be deterred. The defense made sure throughout the hearing to highlight on the record that there are currently no experts who support the claim of sexual abuse. Every expert who testified, as well as the prosecution's pediatrician, all stated under oath that there was no evidence of a sexual assault.

The defense did an outstanding job of addressing the issue of SBS. First, the defense put Dr. Steven Hayne on the stand. Hayne was the medical examiner who performed the autopsy. He testified at trial for the prosecution. Hayne has now changed his position on SBS, and now states that impact must be a factor, meaning that Chloe could have died from a short fall, just as Jeff had described.

The defense followed Hayne's testimony with three experts who all refuted the SBS claims. Dr. Michael Baden, and Dr. Janice Ophoven, who are both certified well respected pathologists, both stated that violent shaking alone was no longer an accepted cause of death in infants. Other injuries must be present. You cannot shake an infant to death without causing neck, back, or other bodily injuries. Chloe had no other injuries of the sort. Both pathologists stated that the injuries Chloe suffered appeared to come from a short fall, just as Jeff had described.

Dr. Chris Van Ee was the final expert called by the defense. Van Ee holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Duke University and is a licensed Professional Engineer. Van Ee has specific expertise in the analysis and risk assessment of head injury in infant and adult populations.

Van Ee testified that a short fall was the most logical scientific reason for the death of Chloe Britt. Van Ee told the court that short falls are now known to cause injuries which were once thought to be caused only by violent shaking.

The prosecution had nothing legitimate to counter the evidence provided by the defense, so they took a different approach during closing arguments.

Decision On Jeff Havard Case Expected In Coming Months (continued)



Jeff Havard

The prosecution's main argument was not directed at challenging the legitimacy of the claims made by the defense. The Prosecution's argument was that the evidence presented was available at the time of Jeff's trial in 2002, so it should not be allowed.

Appellate laws are complicated and vary depending on the type of case. In layman's terms, for purposes of describing the requirements for this case, the current laws state that evidence based requests for new trials can only be made by use of new evidence which was not available at trial. These laws may have good intentions but in the end, they can have a devastating impact on indigent defendants.

If you are poor and you do not have the means to hire experts at trial, you are in trouble. Once convicted, if there is evidence to exonerate you that was available at the time of your first trial, it is currently inadmissible because it is technically not new. Meaning that details in medical journals that can possibly exonerate defendants that are not found by public defenders, with extremely limited budgets and no expert assistance, cannot be used in future hearings because they were technically available at time of trial. Let that sink in.

Do these criteria work to assure fair trials? Do these criteria show that prosecutors are working to seek proper justice? Does suppression of exonerating evidence simply because an indigent defendant's public defender failed to find it in the first trial truly work to seek real justice?

Now, to be clear, the prosecution's argument is absurd because new evidence has clearly been proven to have become available after Jeff's trial. Evidence which absolutely meets the current requirements. This is irrefutable. The judge has no reason to disagree based on current law. But I find it disturbing that any state in our country would ever attempt to suppress valid evidence based on the current criteria. Valid evidence should never be suppressed. Our goal should always be to seek the truth.

The truth in this case shows that the state of Mississippi is trying to put an innocent man to death for a crime that never happened. Current evidence, which goes far beyond the topic of SBS alone, shows that there is no longer any viable case against Jeff Havard. The original theory of the crime has been disproven. There is no evidence to suggest that the death of Chloe Britt was anything other than a tragic accident. If Judge Johnson rules in favor of a new trial, the state will most likely decide not to retry the case due to lack of evidence. Knowing this should give people pause. If justice is truly the goal, why is the state of Mississippi trying so hard to uphold a faulty verdict in a death penalty case?

You can read a full summary of Jeff's 2017 evidentiary hearing here: [Judge to decide if Mississippi should put Jeffrey Havard to death for a crime that never happened.](#)

Please visit [Jeff's Facebook Page](#) and [FreeJeffreyHavard.org](#) to keep up to date with current events.

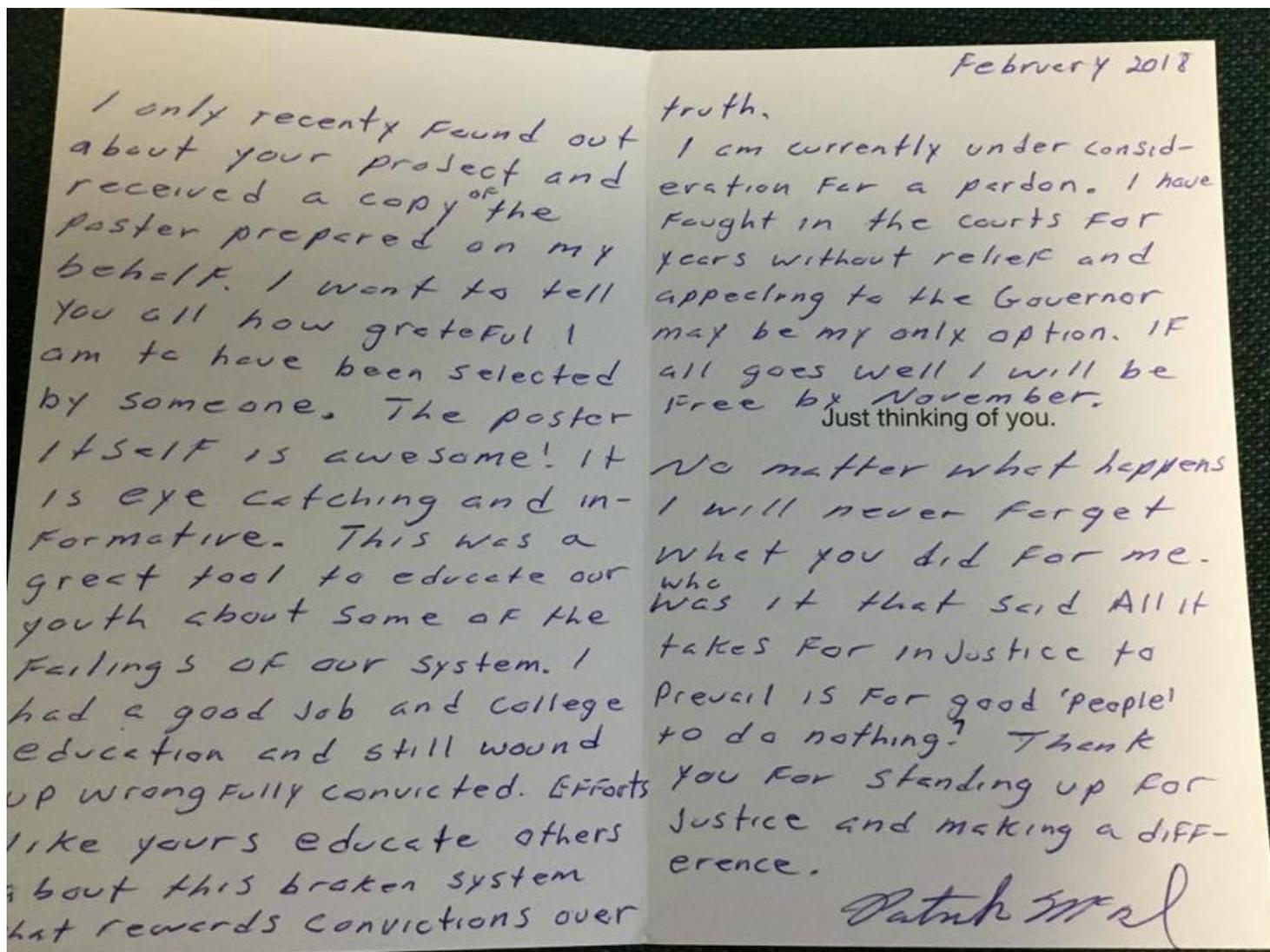
Social Justice Students In Hawaii Work To Bring More Attention To Wrongful Convictions

By Bruce Fischer

High School students in Hawaii, led by their inspirational teacher, are working to bring more attention to wrongful convictions. Michael Smith is a teacher who has a passion for social justice. He has supported many of our cases in recent years as well as other cases of injustice that he has discovered. His students do extensive research on various cases and they put their research to work in informational displays which can be shared with family and friends on social media.

These students are doing important work. Progress is being made, but there is much more work to be done. Public awareness is crucial. If we want to fix a problem that plagues our society, we must first make sure that our society understands that the problem exists.

Here is a letter of gratitude written by Rodney Patrick McNeal. McNeal's case is one that was highlighted by a student in the class. If the letter is too small to read in this format, you can save the image to your computer and enlarge it in your picture viewer. There are two infographics in the pages that follow. The names of the students have been withheld for safety reasons because they are minors.



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FREE RODNEY PATRICK MCNEAL

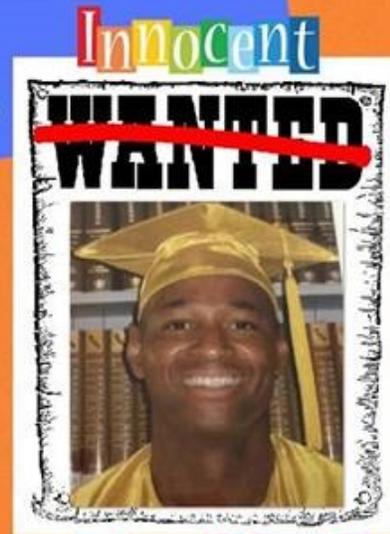
WRONGFULLY CONVICTED OF:

Second Degree Murder for killing wife

Sentence: 30 yrs-life

Crime Scene: March 10, 1997

12:30pm Patrick discovered wife, Debra, murdered in bathtub. The house was trashed and trail of blood.



WHY ARRESTED

VOLATILE

MARRIAGE. Police arrested Patrick, suspecting he killed Debra in a violent argument.



WHY INNOCENT



1. **JEFFERY WEST** committed crime. Cary McGill and Ebony Grant testified Jeffery West **CONFESSED** to killing Debora. Debora's murder was **PARALLEL** to Jeff's other murders.
2. **NOT ENOUGH** time for Patrick to commit crime.
3. Patrick had **no blood** on his clothes.
4. **NO DNA** evidence.



Despite strong evidence of Patrick's INNOCENCE, the San Bernardino Superior Court judge DECLINED to reverse conviction!

WHAT CAN WE DO?



WRITE LETTERS, CREATE PETITIONS, DONATE, AND STANDUP TO SOCIAL INJUSTICE. California Innocence Project filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus petition of evidence that Jeffery West is the killer.

To support Patrick please visit: <https://californiainnocenceproject.org/read-their-stories/rodney-patrick-mcneal>
Or call: tel:619-525-1485 for more information

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~Jeffrey Havard~ Wrongfully Imprisoned



On death row for an accident, not a murder!



Jeffrey Havard is accused of murdering and sexually abusing his girlfriend's six month old daughter, Chloe Britt in Mississippi. Havard dropped the child by accident when lifting her from the tub, causing her head to hit the toilet.



"Not a morning, noon or night passes that I don't think about Chloe and her family. Words can't describe how sorry I am for dropping Chloe. Without a second thought, I would do anything to bring her back."

Six month old, Chloe Britt, started turning blue and had trouble breathing. Havard and the girlfriend took the child to the hospital where Dr. Steven Hayne concluded her death was the result of shaken baby syndrome. Haynes also noticed her anus was dilated and had a one centimeter anal contusion. Because of this, Haynes concluded Havard had committed sexual abuse.



Havard was unable to challenge the evidence presented by the prosecution, which ultimately convicted him and sentenced him to death. The testimony of the hospital staff was enough proof for the court to believe that Havard sexually abused Chloe prior to letting her slip out of his arms while picking her up from the tub. Medical examiner, Dr. James Lauridson, concluded that the evidence showed no sign of tears or lacerations to Chloe's anus and it's not out of the ordinary for dilation to occur naturally. There was no trace of Havard's DNA on or inside Chloe. The thermometer inserted into Chloe's anus at the emergency room could've caused the contusion.



Mississippi Supreme Court ignored Lauridson's report. The court concluded that his analysis should've been included during trial. Havard was not allowed the opportunity for an independent review because his request was denied by the court. If granted a new trial, more medical professionals are willing to testify on Havard's behalf.



Writing letters to
Jeffrey Havard L-3955
Unit 29-J
Parchman, Mississippi 38738



Emailing
www.accesscorrections.com
Jeffrey is inmate number 00000L3955

Or
jenniferfitzgeraldlaw@gmail.com



Sign Jeffrey's Petition on
freejeffreyhavard.org

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A Message From Judge Michael Heavey (Ret.) CEO - Judges For Justice

JUDGES FOR JUSTICE

Big Island, Christmas Eve 1991:

In 1991, a visitor to Hawaii, Dana Ireland, was kidnapped, raped and murdered. The man who left his DNA, bite-mark and T-shirt at the crime has neither been arrested nor identified. He walks the land, free to kill again. The three local men convicted of Dana's murder are innocent; they had nothing to do with this shocking crime.

On December 24th, 1991, about 5:00 pm, 23-year-old Dana Ireland was riding her bicycle on the Big Island of Hawaii. She was almost to her parents' rental house where the Ireland family was going to have Christmas Eve dinner. In a split-second everything changed. A motor vehicle approached her from behind and moved into the left on-coming lane as if to give the cyclist plenty of room. Tire tracks left at the scene indicate that when the vehicle was close to her, the driver accelerated and swerved into Dana, crushing her and the bicycle. A local resident, Anna Sherrell, was the first to discover the collision. She called emergency services at 5:25 pm.

The Hawaii state motto is, "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness." Righteousness includes Justice. Justice for Dana demands that her killer be captured and the three wrongfully convicted men be exonerated.

Judges for Justice has powerful new clues that can lead to the identity of the killer. We have produced a documentary entitled, "Who Killed Dana Ireland? Part 1 of JUSTICE FOR DANA", which is now available on YouTube.



Judges for Justice has been investigating the Dana Ireland case since the fall of 2014. Part 1 of JUSTICE FOR DANA 'Who Killed Dana Ireland?' will show how the killer can be identified and captured today in 2018. Part 2 will show why the three local men convicted of this shocking crime are innocent.

Please share this information. It is vital that this message get out to as many people as possible. Working together we can find the killer and exonerate three innocent men.

Please go to our website at JudgesforJustice.org to sign up for our email alerts regarding the release of the final versions of Part 1 and Part 2 as well as to learn more about wrongful convictions.

Supporters Asking For Funds To Support Melissa Calusinski's Family As She Continues To Fight For Her Freedom

By Bruce Fischer

A gofundme account has now been in place since 2016 for Paul and Cheryl Calusinski, the parents of Melissa Calusinski. Paul and Cheryl have suffered financial hardship as they have fought to free their daughter from prison. Unfortunately the case continues to linger on. If you are able, please consider making a donation.

Melissa Calusinski was convicted of murder in 2011 and was sentenced to 31 years in prison in Illinois. Calusinski was accused of throwing a child to the floor, causing fatal injuries, while working as a teacher's aide at a day care center.

Calusinski has long maintained her innocence, and evidence now shows that she was wrongfully convicted based on false medical testimony and a coerced confession. In 2013, Eupil Choi, the pathologist who performed the autopsy on the child, stated in a sworn affidavit that he had missed an old injury. Choi's statement was a major breakthrough in the case, because it supported Calusinski's defense team's longstanding argument that the child's death was the result of a pre-existing injury. But the real bombshell came last year, which blew the case wide open. Lake County's coroner, Dr. Thomas Rudd, reclassified the child's death from a homicide to undetermined, after a new set of X-rays was discovered by his office. These X-rays show no sign of fresh injuries on the child at the time of death.

Calusinski is currently being represented by Kathleen Zellner, a high profile defense attorney who is credited with overturning eighteen wrongful convictions to date. Calusinski's supporters are hopeful that Zellner will soon be adding one more case to her long list of successful exonerations. Zellner's involvement has been a blessing for the Calusinski family. Unfortunately, even with the best representation, the wheels of justice turn very slowly. The vast majority of wrongful convictions which are overturned go through multiple appeals over the course of many years before being corrected.

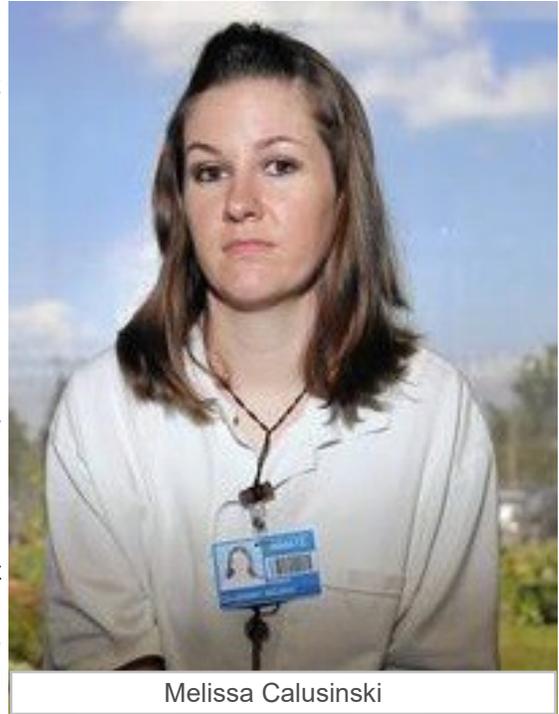
Paul and Cheryl Calusinski will continue to fight for their daughter for as long as it takes. And they have a strong group of supporters who are determined to make sure that they never have to fight the battle alone.

Please visit the [Official Justice for Melissa Calusinski Family Page](#) on Facebook to learn more about the Melissa Calusinski case.

If you would like to make a donation to help the Calusinski family, you can do so here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/paulandcherylcalusinski>

The Calusinski family is incredibly grateful for the support they receive.

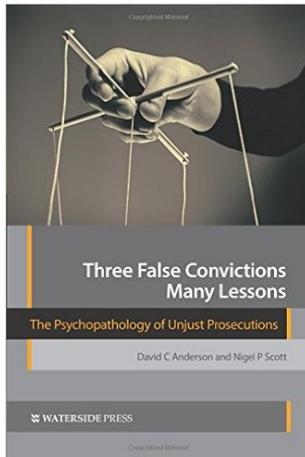


Melissa Calusinski



Paul and Cheryl Calusinski

Recommended Reading

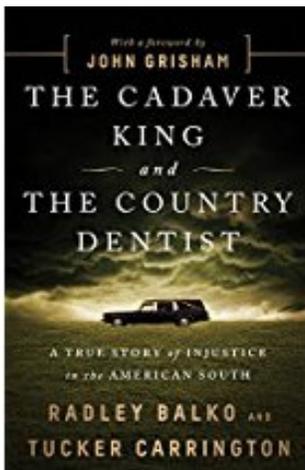


Three False Convictions, Many Lessons: The Psychopathology of Unjust Prosecutions

By David C Anderson and Nigel P Scott

From Amazon.com: “A new perspective on the roles of psychopathology, confirmation bias, false confessions, the media and internet (amongst other causes) of unjust accusations. Putting lack of empathy at the fore in terms of police, prosecutors and others, it considers a wide range of other psychopathological aspects of miscarriages of justice.

By looking at three high profile cases, those of Amanda Knox and Raffaele Sollecito (Italy), Stefan Kiszko (UK) and Darlie Routier (USA) -- the authors show that motive forces are a mind-set in which psychopathy (what they term ‘constitutional negative empathy’) may be present and the need to reinforce existing supposition or lose face plays a part.”



The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist: A True Story of Injustice in the American South

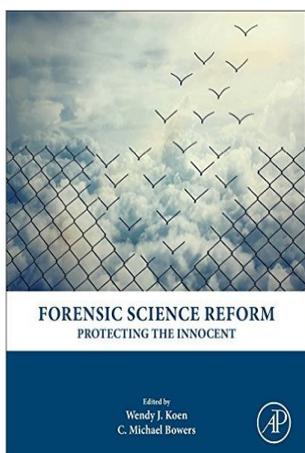
By Radley Balko and Tucker Carrington

After two three-year-old girls were raped and murdered in rural Mississippi, law enforcement pursued and convicted two innocent men: Kennedy Brewer and Levon Brooks. Together they spent a combined thirty years in prison before finally being exonerated in 2008. Meanwhile, the real killer remained free.

The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist recounts the story of how the criminal justice system allowed this to happen, and of how two men, Dr. Steven Hayne and Dr. Michael West, built successful careers on the back of that structure.

Radley Balko has written a series of articles on the Jeffrey Havard case. Steven Hayne was the medical examiner in the Havard case and he remains a key figure in Havard’s current appeal.

Educational Resource For Forensic Science



Forensic Science Reform: Protecting the Innocent 1st Edition

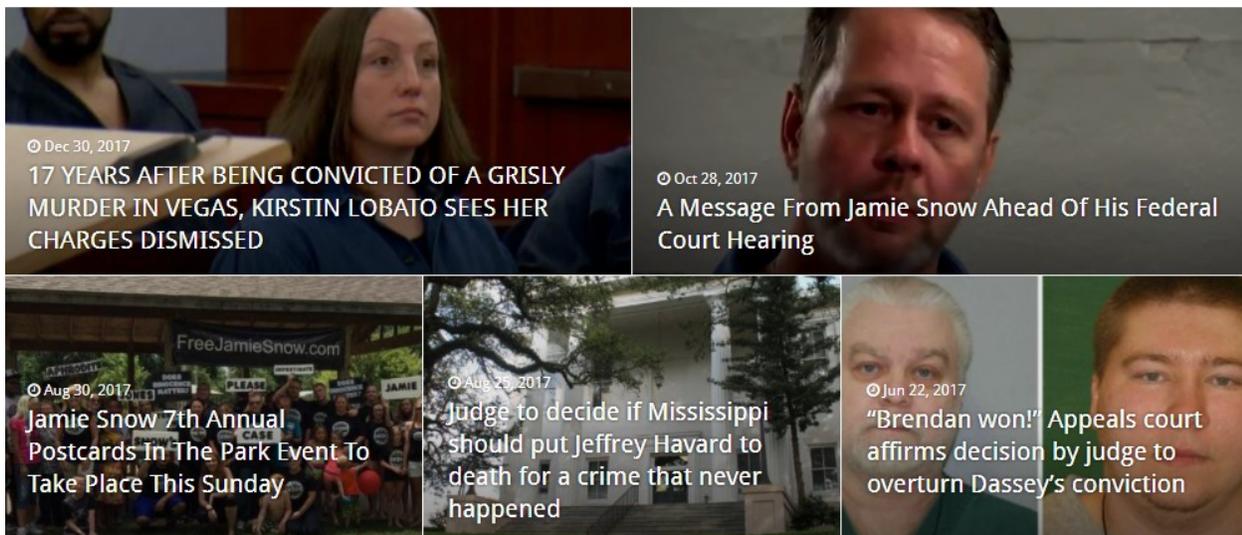
By Wendy J Koen (Editor), C. Michael Bowers D.D.S. J.D. (Editor)

From Amazon.com: “Forensic Science Reform: Protecting the Innocent is written for the nonscientist to help make complicated scientific information clear and concise enough for attorneys and judges to master. This volume covers physical forensic science, namely arson, shaken baby syndrome, non-accidental trauma, bite marks, DNA, ballistics, comparative bullet lead analysis, fingerprint analysis, and hair and fiber analysis, and contains valuable contributions from leading experts in the field of forensic science.”

Injustice Anywhere Advisory Board Member Christopher Halkides coauthored chapter eight, “Presumptive and Confirmatory Blood Testing”.

Publish Your Own Articles

Injustice Anywhere offers a user-friendly resource to help advocates publish articles online at WrongfulConvictionNews.com



This Is A Great Opportunity For Advocates

Are you currently advocating for someone that has been wrongfully convicted? Are you currently lobbying to improve the system in order to reduce wrongful convictions? Are you an expert that would like to help educate the public? Are you a past victim of wrongful conviction that would like to tell your story? If you answered yes to any of these questions then Wrongful Conviction News is the right website for you.

You do not need to be a professional writer to contribute. If you are credible, passionate, and knowledgeable about your cause, then you have what it takes to publish your message.

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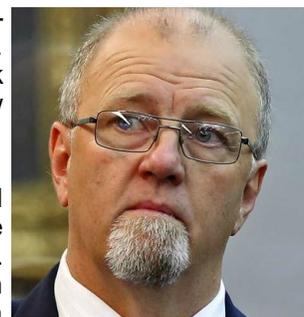
We encourage you to join the discussion on the [Injustice Anywhere forum](#). Our forum currently contains over 180,000 posts from over 2150 members, who are passionate about discussing a wide range of issues pertaining to wrongful convictions. Many of the cases discussed are suggested by forum members for research and information. Injustice Anywhere has not reviewed the details of each case on the forum and does not necessarily endorse any claims made by independent members. Cases we currently advocate for can be viewed in the "[Injustice Anywhere Featured Cases](#)" section, located in the board index of the forum. [Registration](#) is quick and easy. Once registered, you can join in on the ongoing discussions or create a new discussion topic of your own.

Injustice Anywhere Forum Popular Topics Of Interest

The Mark Lundy Case

Mark Lundy was convicted in 2002 of murdering his wife Christine and seven-year-old daughter Amber by bludgeoning them with a tomahawk in New Zealand in 2000. Mark's conviction was overturned in 2013, but he was re-convicted in 2015. Mark appealed his conviction again in 2017. The ruling on the current appeal is now pending.

Supporters claim the forensic results presented by the prosecution are unreliable and that Mark was too far from home to have committed the crime in the allotted time frame. They also suggest that Mark's behavior was wrongly portrayed in the media. There are currently 719 Injustice Anywhere Forum posts on this case. Forum members have made strong arguments for innocence. There is no doubt that this is a compelling case. Join the discussion here: [Mark Lundy Case](#).



Mark Lundy

Making a Murderer

The Netflix series Making a Murderer is a ten-part documentary, written and directed by Laura Ricciardi and Moira Demos. The series follows the Teresa Halbach murder case from the beginning up until present day. The series, filmed over the course of ten years, details the trials of both Steven Avery and Brendan Dassey. Avery is the primary focus of the series, based on his past history with the law. Avery served 18 years in prison as an innocent man for the sexual assault and attempted murder of Penny Beerntsen, before being fully exonerated in 2003. His exoneration came just two years prior to being charged with the murder of Halbach, in the same county, by the same sheriff's office that had previously caused him to lose nearly two decades of his life. The series leaves viewers to wonder if the authorities who wronged him the first time, set out to frame him once again in an attempt to avoid paying out millions of dollars to settle a civil suit resulting from his wrongful conviction.



Brendan Dassey

Injustice Anywhere currently advocates for Brendan Dassey. Brendan's interrogation recordings provide a casebook example of a coerced confession. Sadly, Brendan was horribly mistreated by his public defender. Brendan did not receive a proper defense, instead he was coached by his attorney to say he was guilty. The attorney even had his own investigator instruct Brendan on how to draw images of the crime scene which would support the prosecution's arguments. Brendan is seen acting clearly confused during the recorded session, which irritates the investigator, prompting him to give orders to Brendan telling him exactly what he needs to draw, providing all of the necessary details along the way.

There is no evidence against Brendan Dassey, beyond his statements to police. He was interrogated as a 16-year-old without an attorney present. He also had ineffective counsel which made it impossible for him to receive a fair trial. At the very least, Brendan deserves a new trial. Join the discussion here: [Making a Murderer](#) and here: [Brendan Dassey Case](#).

Injustice Anywhere Podcasts

<http://www.speaker.com/show/injustice-anywhere>

The Injustice Anywhere online radio program debuted on August 6, 2013, on BlogTalkRadio. We moved the show to Spreaker in February of 2015 in order to reach out to a wider audience. Spreaker provides an outstanding user friendly format for listeners on multiple listening devices.

The Injustice Anywhere Radio Program, hosted by Bruce Fischer, welcomes guests who come on to discuss a wide range of wrongful conviction topics. If you would like to be on the show, or if you have an idea for a show topic, please send us an email. injusticeanywhere@yahoo.com.

Please watch for updates about upcoming shows on the Injustice Anywhere homepage: www.injusticeanywhere.org.



You can listen to podcasts anytime by visiting the [Injustice Anywhere Radio archive](#).

Popular Podcasts



The Barry Beach Case in Montana

Guests: Dan Gengler and Joyce Ranum



The Mark Lundy Case In New Zealand

Guests: Geoff Levick, Chris Halkides, and Mark White



Debra Milke Discusses Her Exoneration

Guest: Debra Milke



Will Science Free Jeffrey Havard?

Guests: Jen Fitzgerald, Lori Howard



The Sebastian Burns & Atif Rafay Case

Guest: Ken Klonsky

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Please visit InjusticeAnywhere.org to learn more about our volunteers. Several of our board members have provided photos and bios.

In addition to the members listed here, Injustice Anywhere also has over 2200 members on our discussion forum and over 1600 members in our Facebook group. We greatly appreciate the efforts of all involved. Several breakthroughs have been discovered by members of our discussion forum that have proven to be beneficial to the cases that we actively support.

Please keep in mind that members of our advisory board do not necessarily agree with every one of our featured cases. Injustice Anywhere understands that many cases are controversial. We welcome the input of our members regardless of personal opinion on guilt or innocence. We believe open dialogue is crucial when working to find the truth.



Rally for Injustice Anywhere

Donate here: <https://rally.org/injustice-anywhere>

Injustice Anywhere is an all-volunteer organization which was created to bring more knowledge and attention to wrongful convictions and to work to bring much needed reform. We currently have seven featured cases and we endorse four others. Please visit injusticeanywhere.org to learn more about these cases.

Our efforts rely on contributions from our supporters. Contributions make it possible for Injustice Anywhere to cover the operational costs of our websites, which include: injusticeanywhere.org, injusticeanywhereforum.com, freejeffreyhavard.org, freecharleserickson.org, amandaknoxcase.com, injusticeinperugia.org, and wrongfulconvictionnews.com. We also have a podcast archive on speaker.com.

Contributions also make it possible for Injustice Anywhere to cover the costs of managing our LLC, obtaining legal documents, legal counsel, insurance, updated media contact data, and Google and Facebook advertising to help bring attention to our featured cases. Please visit InjusticeAnywhere.org today to learn more about supporting our cause.

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Please only consider making a monetary contribution if you are able to do so. Much of our progress to date has absolutely nothing to do with money. Dedicated individuals that invest their valuable time to advocate for Injustice Anywhere are truly the backbone of our organization. The time and effort put forth by our members is invaluable. Injustice Anywhere greatly appreciates those efforts.





Our Mission

Our first mission began in early 2010 when we created Injustice in Perugia (IIP), a grassroots organization that worked to secure freedom for Amanda Knox and Raffaele Sollecito, two innocent people wrongfully convicted for murder in Perugia, Italy. Both have now been fully exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court.

Our work with IIP opened our eyes to a growing worldwide problem that continues to go mostly unnoticed by anyone not directly affected. Wrongful convictions occur all around the world. We must do more to prevent the unjust imprisonment of innocent people, and in doing so, we must focus on the larger picture, not just the cases we see highlighted on television. If we choose to turn our backs on this problem, we risk creating more victims like Clarence Elkins, Christopher Turner, and Danny Brown. Who are these people? Even though their cases were not sensational enough to get the attention of cable news programs, they were all cases of wrongful conviction, only to be corrected after each had lost many years of their lives. There are hundreds of similar cases that go mostly unnoticed, but are of no less importance than any case that happens to attract the attention of the media. Our current mission is to work to bring more attention to wrongful convictions. The first step is to awaken the public to the fact that the problem actually exists. We have seen great progress in recent years. People are finally beginning to taking notice. Public support is vital when it comes to freeing the innocent.

Injustice Anywhere Main Website

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Injustice Anywhere Network Of Websites

Injustice Anywhere operates a network of websites working to bring more attention to wrongful convictions. These websites include: InjusticeAnywhereForum.com, FreeJeffreyHavard.org, FreeCharlesErickson.org, AmandaKnoxCase.com, InjusticeInPerugia.org, and WrongfulConvictionNews.com.

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