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## ABOUT THE REGISTRY

The National Registry of Exonerations is a project of the [University of Michigan Law School](#). It was founded in 2012 in conjunction with the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law. The Registry provides detailed information about every known [exoneration](#) in the United States since 1989—cases in which a person was wrongly convicted of a crime and later cleared of all the charges based on new evidence of innocence.

## EXONERATION NEWS



### Registry Issues Report on First 1,600 Exonerations

6/16/2015

The Registry recently issued a report summarizing trends in the first 1,600 known exoneration in the US and documenting noteworthy changes in the data since our original report [Exonerations in the United States: 1989 - 2012](#).

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## BROWSE CASES

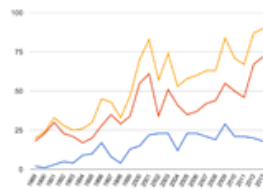
We currently list more than 1,610 exoneration. For detailed information browse our ever-growing database.

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For reports, graphs, summaries of our findings, criteria for exoneration, and more visit our [Learn More](#) section.

## UP-TO-DATE GRAPHS



Exonerations By Year: DNA and Non-DNA

Exonerations By Year and Type of Crime

Exonerations By Race and Type of Crime

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Exonerations by Contributing Factor and Type of Crime

## RECENT EXONERATIONS



### Angel Echavarria

**State:** MA  
**Date of Exoneration:** 6/16/2015  
In 1996, Angel Echavarria was sentenced to life in prison without parole for a murder in Lynn, Massachusetts. He was exonerated in 2015 after an investigation by the Schuster Center for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University discovered that the police did not disclose that the key witness initially identified another man as the gunman. (Photo by The Boston Globe)



### Alfred Brown

**State:** TX  
**Date of Exoneration:** 6/9/2015  
In 2005, Alfred Brown was sentenced to death for the killing of a police officer during a robbery in Houston, Texas during which a store employee also was killed. He was exonerated in 2015 after telephone records corroborating his alibi were found in a detective's garage, and a witness recanted testimony that Brown confessed to the crime.



### Shabaka Shakur

**State:** NY  
**Date of Exoneration:** 6/4/2015  
In 1989, Shabaka Shakur was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison for the murders of two men in Brooklyn, New York. He was exonerated in 2015 after a judge found that Detective Louis Scarcella had falsely claimed that Shakur confessed to the crime.



### Jason Strong

**State:** IL  
**Date of Exoneration:** 5/28/2015  
In 2000, Jason Strong was sentenced to 46 years in prison for a murder he confessed to in Lake County, Illinois. He was exonerated in 2015 by medical evidence which showed the victim died several days before the time Strong said he had killed her. (Photo of Strong and his mother, Debbie King, by Terrence Antonio James, Chicago Tribune)



### Michael McAlister

**State:** VA  
**Date of Exoneration:** 5/13/2015  
In 1986, Michael McAlister was convicted of attempted rape and kidnapping and sentenced to 35 years in prison. He was exonerated in 2015 when Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe granted an absolute pardon after an imprisoned serial rapist confessed to the crime.

[MORE RECENT EXONERATIONS](#)

## CONTACT US

We welcome new information from any source about the exonerations that are already on our list and about new cases that might be exonerations. And we will be happy to respond to inquiries about the Registry.

Tell us about an exoneration that we may have missed

Correct an error or add information about an exoneration on our list

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