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How Many People are Wrongfully Convicted?

330 DNA exonerations in the U.S.

Source: The Innocence Project

1,616 documented exonerations nationwide since 1989

Source: The National Registry of Exonerations

154 capital defendants exonerated from U.S. death rows

Source: Death Penalty Information Center

37 documented exonerations in Washington State

13 IPNW exonerations, including 4 DNA exonerations

Source: The National Registry of Exonerations

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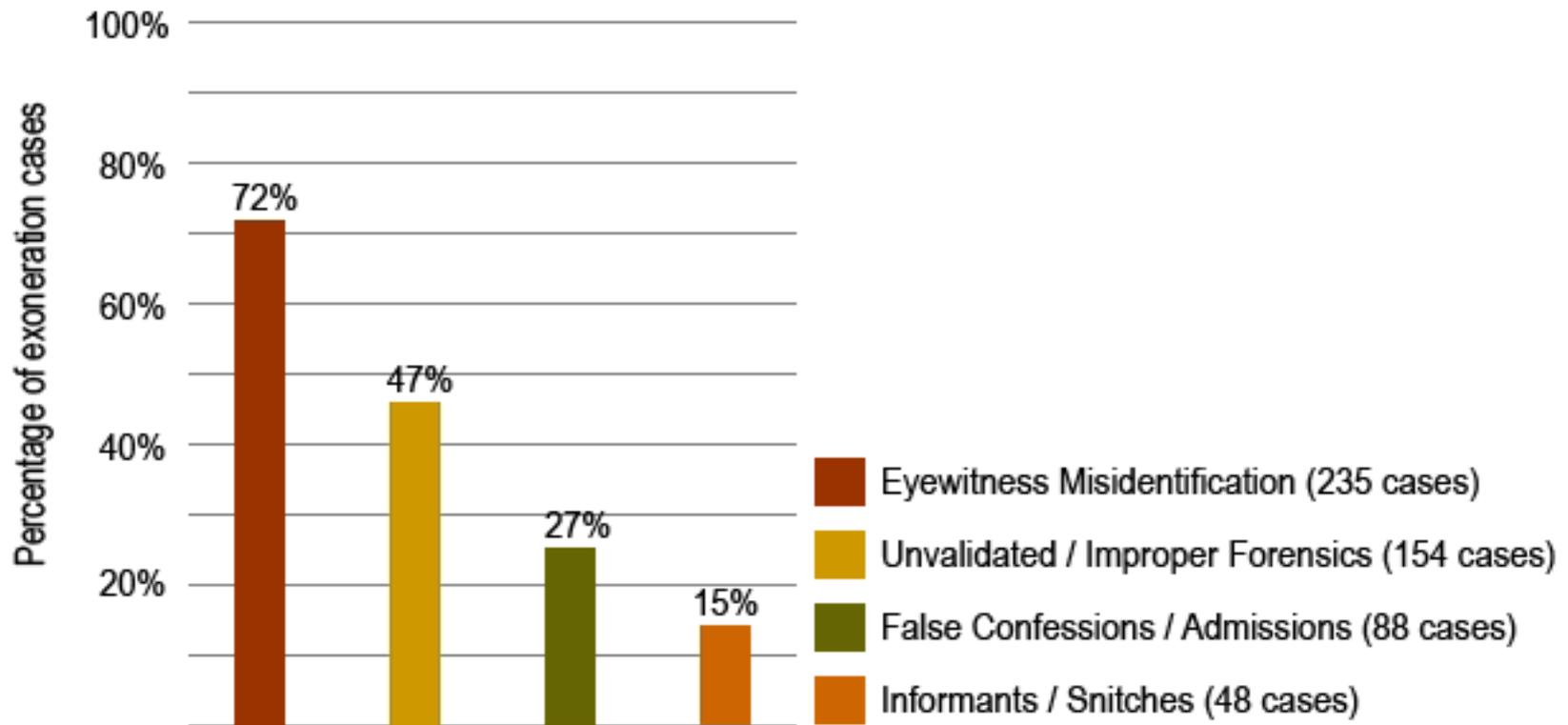
Leading Causes of Wrongful Convictions

- Mistaken eyewitness identification
- Coerced confessions
- Unreliable forensic work
- Informant/Snitch testimony
- Police & prosecutorial misconduct
- Ineffective defense counsel

What DNA has taught us:

Contributing Causes of Wrongful Convictions (first 325 DNA exonerations)

Total is more than 100% because wrongful convictions can have more than one cause.



Source: The Innocence Project www.innocenceproject.org/causes-wrongful-conviction

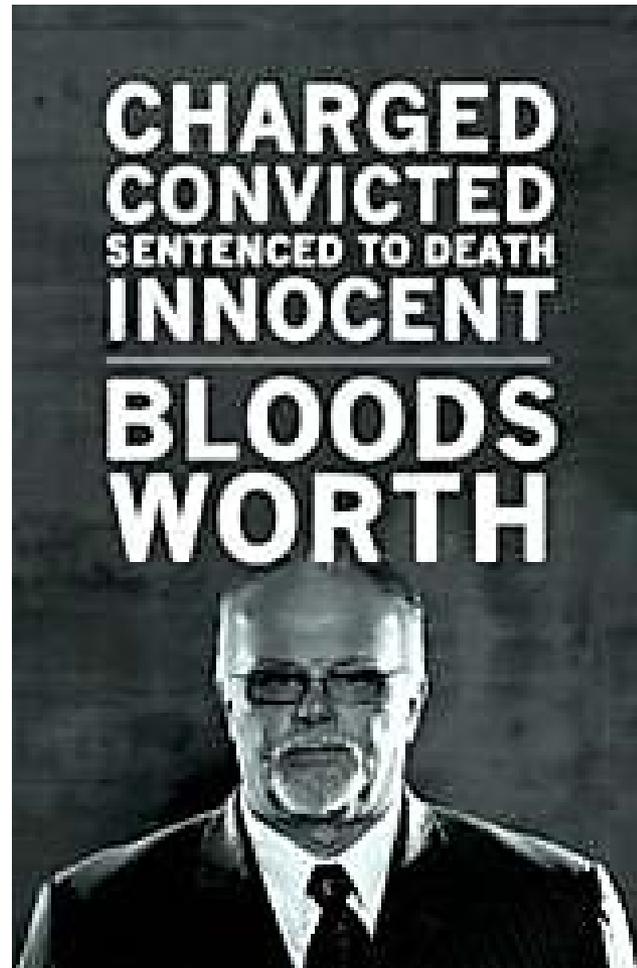
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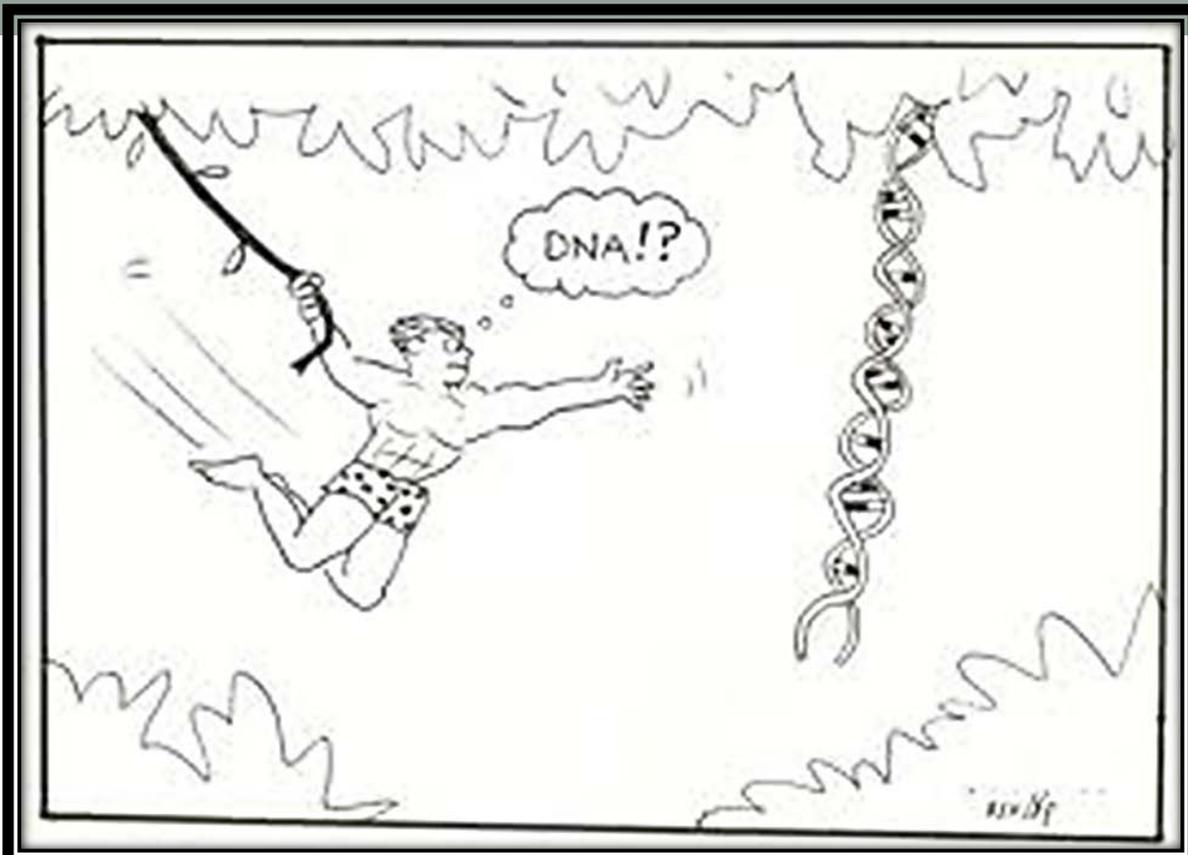
The court shall grant a motion requesting DNA testing under this section if . . . The convicted person has shown the likelihood that the DNA evidence would demonstrate innocence on a more probable than not basis.

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DNA testing ordered under this section shall be performed by the Washington state patrol crime laboratory.

IPNW Collaboration with Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory

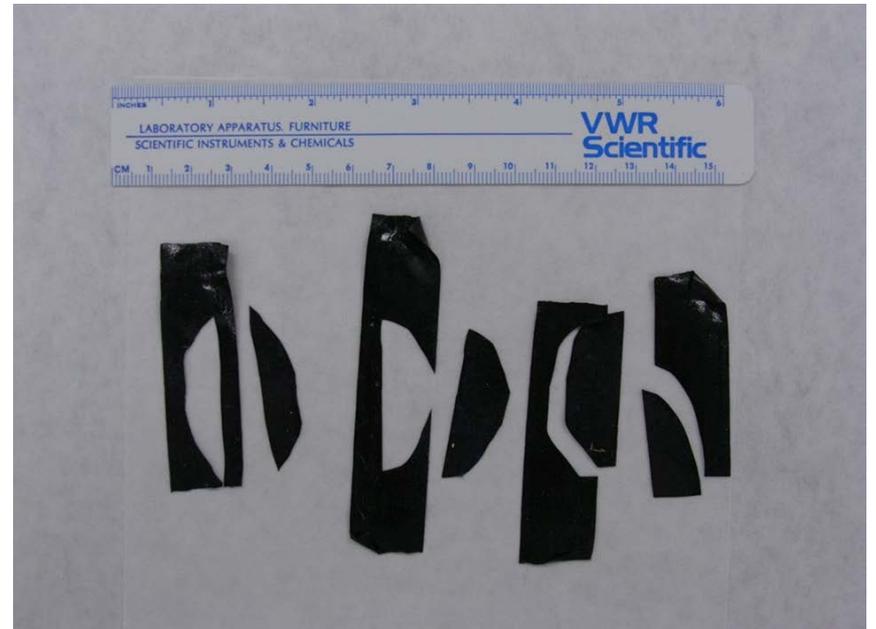




Ted Bradford

Exonerated in 2010 after spending 9 years in prison for a crime he did not commit





Larry Davis & Alan Northrop

Exonerated in 2010 after spending 17 years in prison for a crime they did not commit



1993



2010

Larry Davis / Alan Northrop DNA Testing Summary

Evidence Submitted for DNA Testing

1.) Pubic Comb and Combing (item 77-1, step 4)	(DNA)	(E)	(F)	(R)	(RH)
2.) Nail Scrapings (item 77-1, step 7)	(DNA)	(E)	(F)(F)	(R)	
3.) "Cord 1" Sample (item 1)	(DNA)	(E)	(F)		
4.) "Cord 2" Sample (item 2)	(DNA)	(E)	(F)		
5.) Hair 3.2 (item 177-1)	(DNA)	(E)	(F)		
6.) Hair 4.1 (item 177-1)	(DNA)	(E)	(F)		
7.) Hair 6.1 (item 177-1)	(DNA)	(E)	(F)		
8.) "Cord 1" Knot (item 1)	(DNA)	(E)			
9.) "Cord 2" Knot (item 2)	(DNA)	(E)			
10.) Scratch Mark Swabbings (item 77-1, step 3)	(DNA)	(E)			(RH)
11.) Wad of Black Duct Tape (item 6)	(DNA)	(E)			
12.) Vaginal Swabbing (item 77-1A)	(DNA)	(E)			(RH)
13.) Genital Swabbing (item 77-1, step 2)	(DNA)	(E)			(RH)
14.) Hair 2.2 (item 177-1)	(DNA)	(E)			
15.) Hair 3.1 (item 177-1)	(DNA)	(E)			
16.) Hair 7.1 (item 177-1)	(DNA)	(E)			
17.) Hair 1.2 (item 177-1)	(No DNA)				
18.) Black Tape Roll (item 4)	(No DNA)				
19.) Utility Knife (item 3)	(No DNA)				
20.) Bra Clasp (item 7)	(No DNA)				
21.) Two Hairs (Item 177-1)	(No DNA)				
22.) Folded Business Card (item 5)	(No DNA)				
23.) "Flakes" from Sexual Assault Kit (item 77-1, step 1)	(No DNA)				
24.) Saliva Sample (item 77-1, step 8)	(No DNA)				
25.) Pulled Pubic Hair (item 77-1, step 5)	(No DNA)				
26.) Purple Bra (item 77-2)	(No DNA)				
27.) White Socks (item 77-2)	(No DNA)				

KEY:

(DNA) = DNA profile(s) suitable for comparison obtained from the evidence.

(E) = Both Larry Davis and Alan Northrop excluded from all the DNA profiles obtained from the evidence.

(F) = Foreign DNA profile (not Larry Davis, Alan Northrop, Kari Morrison, Ron Hansen) found on the evidence

(R) = "Redundant" foreign Y-STR DNA profile (foreign Y-STR profile that is consistent with another foreign Y-STR profile found on other crime scene evidence) found on the evidence.

(RH) = DNA matching or consistent with Ron Hansen, the boyfriend of the victim, found on the evidence.

- DNA obtained from 17 items
- Northrop and Davis excluded from all 17
- Foreign Profiles obtained from 7 items
- Redundant foreign profiles on 2 key items: pubic comb and nail scrapings

Jeramie Davis

Exonerated in 2013 after spending 6 years in prison for a crime he did not commit





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IPNW Statistics & Future Forecast

IPNW receives over 300 requests for assistance each year

Post-conviction DNA testing is currently underway in 5 cases

Active efforts to obtain DNA testing in approximately 20 additional cases

60 additional potential DNA cases in various stages of review



QUESTIONS?

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