



DNA EXONERATIONS

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I AM INTERESTED IN HOW DNA ADVANCEMENTS IMPACT EXONERATIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS TO WHY I AM INTERESTED IN THIS TOPIC. IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. DNA IS ONE OF THE BIG ROLES THAT PLAY INTO PART OF FORENSIC SCIENCE. I TOOK INTRODUCTION TO LAW CLASSES AND A FORENSIC SCIENCE CLASS WHICH MADE ME REALLY INTERESTED IN THIS TOPIC. IN ADDITION, I WAS ALWAYS VERY CURIOUS HOW WE HAVE SUCH A STRONG CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, YET WE STILL HAVE SO MANY ERRORS OCCURRING AT THE COST OF THE PEOPLE'S TIME AND LIFE. I EXPECT TO FIND MUCH INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC. FOR EXAMPLE, I EXPECT TO FIND CONTRIBUTING FACTORS, HOW DNA IMPACT EXONERATIONS, HOW MANY PEOPLE GET EXONERATED BECAUSE OF DNA TESTING. IF THERE IS INFORMATION THAT GOES COMPLETELY AGAINST WITH WHAT I HAD EXPECTED TO FIND, I WILL NOT THROW IT AWAY. I WILL WRITE ABOUT MY TOPIC EITHER WAY IF THE INFORMATION GOES COMPLETELY AGAINST IT. I WILL CHALLENGE MY OWN ASSUMPTIONS AND BE OPEN MINDED. HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION MAY NOT GO COMPLETELY AGAINST WHAT I HAD EXPECTED BECAUSE I HAVE NO ASSUMPTIONS, THIS IS PURELY AN INFORMATIVE TOPIC AND IS NOT MEANT TO SWAY ANYONE'S OPINIONS.



THE ORGANIZATION THAT WROTE THIS ARTICLE IS THE INNOCENCE PROJECT. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT IS NONPROFIT LEGAL ORGANIZATION THAT IS COMMITTED TO EXONERATING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN WRONGLY CONVICTED, THROUGH THE USE OF DNA TESTING AND WORKING TO REFORM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO PREVENT FUTURE INJUSTICE. THE PRIMARY AUDIENCE THE INNOCENCE PROJECT SEEKS TO ATTRACT IS PEOPLE ARE WHO CURRENTLY SERVING TIME FOR A CRIME THEY DID NOT COMMIT. OTHER AUDIENCES MAY BE WORKERS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SUCH AS JUDGES, LAWYERS, PROSECUTORS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE REASON THE INNOCENCE PROJECT POSTED THIS ARTICLE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME IS BECAUSE HERMAN WILLIAM'S CONVICTION WAS OVERTURNED THAT SAME DAY. THIS ARTICLE IS SHOWN ON THEIR VERY OWN WEBSITE "INNOCENCEPROJECT.ORG." HERE, THE ORGANIZATION IS TRYING TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT THE DEFECTS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY THE INNOCENCE STAFF TITLED “HERMAN WILLIAMS IS EXONERATED AFTER NEARLY THREE DECADES OF WRONGFUL CONVICTION”, SHOWED THE WORLD HERMAN WILLIAM’S CONVICTION WAS VACATED AND WAS RELEASED AFTER NEARLY 29 YEARS IN PRISON. HERMAN WILLIAMS IS NOW 58 YEARS OLD AND A DECORATED MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. MR. WILLIAMS WAS SENTENCED TO A CRIME HE DID NOT COMMIT ACCORDING TO THE NEW DNA EVIDENCE FOUND BY THE INNOCENCE PROJECT. MR. WILLIAMS WAS CONVICTED BASED ON “SCIENTIFICALLY UNSUPPORTED FORENSIC PATHOLOGY TESTIMONY REGARDING THE VICTIM’S TIME OF DEATH, THAT THE PROSECUTION HID FAVORABLE EVIDENCE AT HIS ORIGINAL TRIAL, AND THAT THE DETECTIVE WHO CLAIMED MR. WILLIAMS CONFESSED IS NOW KNOWN TO HAVE ENGAGED IN A PATTERN OF MISCONDUCT, INCLUDING SECURING FALSE CONFESSIONS AND CLAIMING SUSPECTS MADE ADMISSIONS OF GUILT IN OTHER INNOCENCE CASES.” HERE IS PROOF SHOWING MR. WILLIAMS WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE CRIME “DNA TESTING COMPLETED IN 2021 AND PERFORMED ON BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COLLECTED FROM UNDER Ms. WILLIAMS’ FINGERNAILS DURING THE AUTOPSY — WHICH WAS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE SHE HAD CLEARLY STRUGGLED WITH HER ATTACKER — REVEALED MALE DNA THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO MR. WILLIAMS. FURTHER DNA TESTING ALSO DEMONSTRATED THAT SMALL AMOUNTS OF BLOOD FROM MR. WILLIAMS’ TRUCK — WHICH THE STATE USED TO LINK TO Ms. WILLIAMS THROUGH NOW-OUTDATED BLOOD TYPING — DOES NOT, IN FACT, BELONG TO HER.” THIS SHOWS HOW EVEN WITH ALL THE TECHNOLOGY WE POSSESS THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ERROR. “THE MISAPPLICATION OF FORENSIC SCIENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO 52% OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS IN INNOCENCE PROJECT CASES. FALSE OR MISLEADING FORENSIC EVIDENCE WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN 24% OF ALL WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS NATIONALLY, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EXONERATIONS.” THEREFORE, HERMAN WILLIAMS WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AFTER NEARLY THREE DECADES IN PRISON.

Herman Williams



exonerated on September 6, 2022 from an Illinois prison after serving over 29 years for a crime he did not commit

“Mr. Williams’ conviction was overturned based on new DNA evidence in addition to faulty forensics, and police and prosecutorial misconduct.”

-Innocence Project



Vanessa Potkin

With help from his attorney, Vanessa Potkin, a Lake County judge vacated his conviction and ordered his immediate release from prison

AN ARTICLE, “WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS AND DNA EXONERATIONS: UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE” SHOWN ON THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE DISCUSSES THE FACTORS TO WHY WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS EVEN HAPPEN IN THE FIRST PLACE. IN ADDITION, THE ARTICLE HELPS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES. ACCORDING TO THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, THERE ARE SIX CONTRIBUTING CAUSES FOR WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS. THE SIX CONTRIBUTING CAUSES ARE EYEWITNESS MISIDENTIFICATION, FALSE CONFESSIONS OR ADMISSIONS, GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT, INADEQUATE DEFENSE, INFORMANTS, AND UNVALIDATED OR IMPROPER FORENSIC EVIDENCE. FALSE CONFESSIONS/ADMISSIONS MAY BE COERCED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO CLOSE A CASE SOONER AND HELP BETTER THEIR “PICTURE”. INADEQUATE DEFENSE MEANING THE DEFENDANT DID NOT HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC DEFENSE LAWYER OR SIMPLY COULD NOT AFFORD A LAWYER. TO ADD ON, THE LAWYER MAY HAVE BEEN UNPROFESSIONAL, WAS NOT ATTENTIVE, AND DID NOT SHOW CARE TO THE CASE. GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT MAY MEAN PROFESSIONALS GIVING EXPERT TESTIMONY BASED ON UNVALIDATED EVIDENCE TO HELP BETTER THEIR PORTFOLIO AND/OR CAREER. HOWEVER, DR. JON GOULD AND HIS COLLEAGUES IDENTIFIED “10 FACTORS DO NOT CAUSE THAT LED TO WRONGFUL CONVICTION.” THESE 10 FACTORS ARE YOUNGER DEFENDANT, CRIMINAL HISTORY, WEAK PROSECUTION CASE, PROSECUTION WITHHELD EVIDENCE, LYING BY A NON-EYEWITNESS, UNINTENTIONAL WITNESS MISIDENTIFICATION, MISINTERPRETING FORENSIC EVIDENCE AT TRIAL, WEAK DEFENSE, DEFENDANT OFFERED A FAMILY WITNESS, STATES WITH A “PUNITIVE” CULTURE. THESE “10 FACTORS” DO ALSO RELATE WITH THE INNOCENCE PROJECT’S “CAUSES”. THE NRE WEBSITE LISTS A TOTAL OF “1,944 EXONERATIONS SINCE 1989 AND IMPROPER FORENSIC SCIENCE IS CITED IN 24 PERCENT OF ALL EXONERATIONS.” AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE STATISTICS LISTED IN THE ARTICLE THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT LEADS TO WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS.

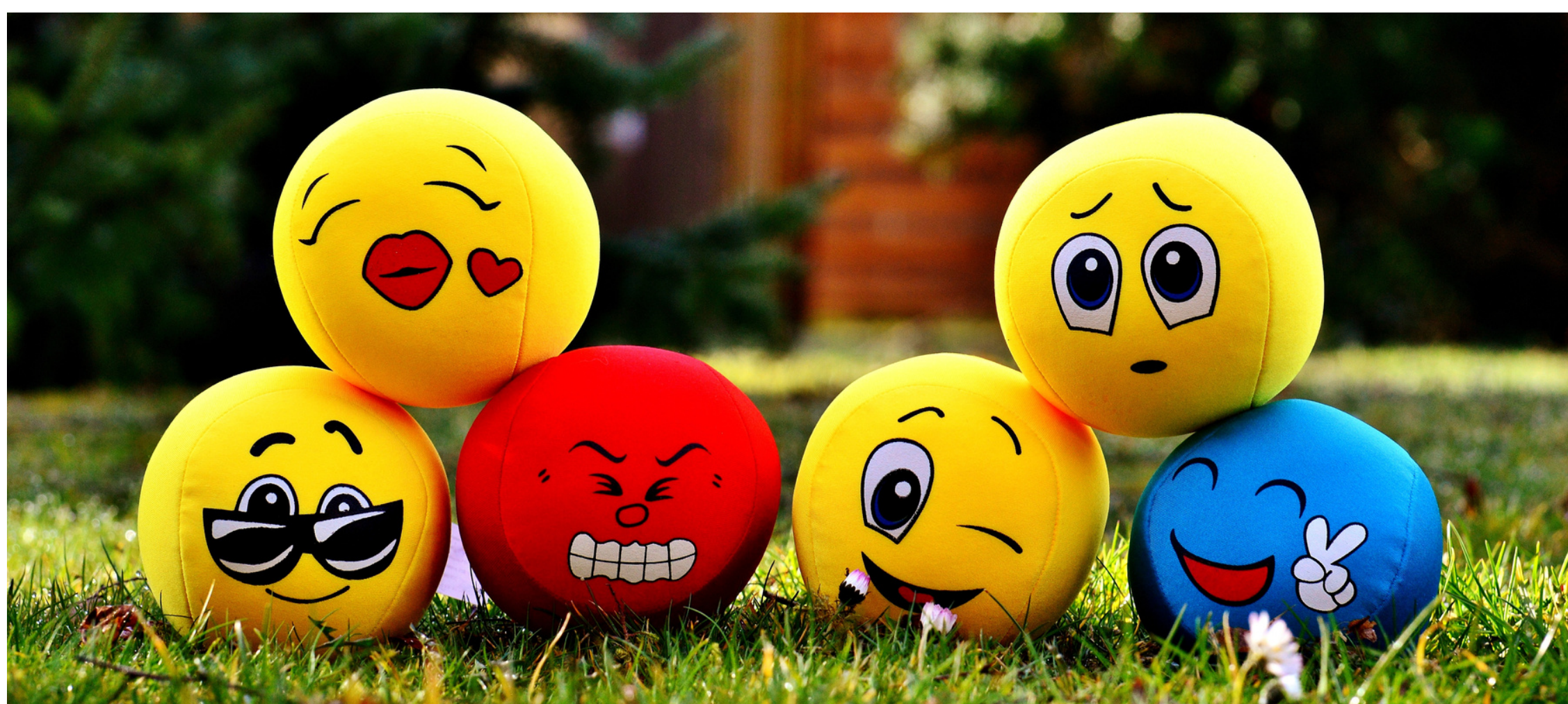
GERALD M. LA PORTE THE AUTHOR OF “WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS AND DNA EXONERATIONS: UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE.”

GERALD M. LA PORTE IS THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH INNOVATION AT THE GLOBAL FORENSIC AND JUSTICE CENTER. MR. LA PORTE HAS OVER 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A FORENSIC CHEMIST AND DOCUMENT DATING SPECIALIST IN THE FIELD OF FORENSIC SCIENCE. IN ADDITION TO, CONDUCTING OVER 70 LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND TRAINING EVENTS IN 13 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS. THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE PUBLISHER OF THIS ARTICLE THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS IS A GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT FOCUSES ON CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. GERALD’S ATTITUDE TOWARD DNA ADVANCEMENTS IS VERY SERIOUS AS HE IS DEVOTED HIS CAREER TO TEACH OTHERS ON THE ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AS STATED EARLIER, GERALD HAS OVER 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FORENSIC SCIENCE FIELD. GERALD’S AUTHORITY FOR WRITING THIS ARTICLE TO INFORM THE PEOPLE ABOUT THE MISTAKES MADE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM EVEN THOUGH THERE IS SUCH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO STOP THESE MISTAKES HAPPENING IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE PRIMARY AUDIENCE GERALD IS TRYING TO REACH IS OTHER FORENSIC SCIENTISTS. WE SEE THIS BY THE NUMBER OF STATISTICS SHOWN IN THE ARTICLE SUCH AS “SOME LABS HAVE CLOSED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF QUALITY CONTROL – THE DETROIT CRIME LAB IN 2008, THE NASSAU COUNTY (NY) CRIME LAB IN 2011, AND THE ST. PAUL (MN) POLICE CRIME LAB IN 2012. ALTHOUGH MANY OF THESE SCANDALS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH BAD FORENSIC SCIENCE, THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE FAILURES IS THE LACK OF A SUITABLE QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM OR “BAD FORENSIC SCIENTISTS.” OTHER AUDIENCES MAY BE NEW FORENSIC SCIENTISTS COMING INTO THE FIELD. .

WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE IN THE ARTICLE GERALD DISCUSSES THE FACTORS TO WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS AND FORENSIC METHODS THAT ARE COMMONLY USED IN THE FIELD. THE OCCASION FOR THIS ARTICLE MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF EXONERATIONS OCCURRING IN THAT FOLLOWING YEAR AND THE FURTHER ADVANCEMENT OF DNA TECHNOLOGY. THIS ARTICLE IS SHOWN ON THE “NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE” (NIJ.OJP.GOV). THE PURPOSE OF WRITING THIS ARTICLE IS TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT THE NUMBER OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS OCCURRING AND TO FURTHER ADVANCE PEOPLE’S KNOWLEDGE OF THE ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE ARTICLE USES SEVERAL GRAPHS, DATA, STATISTICS TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHY THERE ARE SO MANY WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE AUTHOR USES A FORMAL TONE TO SHARE FACTS AND DATA. THIS ARTICLE HELPS US UNDERSTAND HOW DNA ADVANCEMENTS IMPACT EXONERATIONS. THE ARTICLE USES OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE INNOCENCE PROJECT AND THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EXONERATIONS TO BETTER ESTABLISH CREDIBILITY



THIS ARTICLE WAS VERY INFORMATIVE WITH THE WAY IT PROVIDED THE STATISTICS, GRAPHS, DATA, AND CITATIONS FROM OTHER SUPPORTING MATERIALS. THE ARTICLE ESTABLISHED CREDIBILITY AND HAD STATISTICS FROM OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EXONERATIONS, MORE THAN 20 CASES SHOWING THE REASON WHY THEY WERE WRONGFULLY CONVICTED. I STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE HAS SUCH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY YET THERE ARE SO MANY TO FACTORS THAT CAN LEAD TO AN INNOCENT PERSON GETTING WRONGFULLY CONVICTED. "BECAUSE DNA CAN PROVIDE FACTUALLY IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE IN SOME CASES, THE IDEA THAT INNOCENT PEOPLE CAN BE FOUND GUILTY HAS GAINED MORE AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE COME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ERRONEOUS CONVICTIONS." AS STATED EARLIER, THERE IS SUCH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN THIS WORLD YET THERE ARE MANY WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS HAPPENING IN TODAY'S WORLD.



IN THE ARTICLE, "DNA TESTING AND THE DEATH PENALTY" DISCUSSES THE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS ON DNA. THE ARTICLE DISCUSSES THE IMPORTANCE OF DNA AND HOW CONVICTS DESERVE TO HAVE ANOTHER DNA TESTING. IN ADDITION, THE ARTICLE CITES CERTAIN CASES SUCH AS EARL WASHINGTON'S CASE AND FRANK LEE SMITH'S CASE. DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID OR SHORT FOR "DNA IS AN ESSENTIAL MOLECULE THAT IS PART OF EVERY CELL IN OUR BODY. ESSENTIAL, BECAUSE IT ENABLES AN EMBRYONIC CELL TO BECOME AND EXIST AS A FUNCTIONING BEING." DNA IS SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT DIFFERENTIATES DIFFERENT PEOPLE BASED OFF THE RESULTS TAKEN ON OF A PERSON'S OR ANIMAL'S SKIN, SALIVA, SEMEN, BLOOD, OR HAIR. THESE BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES CAN HELP "CONVICT OR EXONERATE WITH GREAT ACCURACY" AS STATED IN THE TEXT. HOWEVER, THIS BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE WILL ONLY HELP IF THE EVIDENCE IS "PROPERLY COLLECTED, PRESERVED AND KEPT FROM CONTAMINATION AND IF THE ANALYSIS IS DONE CORRECTLY." IF THESE FACTORS ARE DONE INCORRECTLY, IT MAY GIVE FALSE RESULTS AND LEAD TO FALSE CONVICTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, EARL WASHINGTON WHO WAS CONVICTED IN 1984 FOR RAPE AND MURDER WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PARDONED IN THE YEAR 2000 IF THERE WAS NO DNA TESTING TO SAVE HIM. "DNA TESTS CONDUCTED LONG AFTER MR. WASHINGTON'S SENTENCING PROVED THAT HE WAS NOT THE RAPIST." THIS SHOWS HOW DNA ADVANCEMENTS HAVE HELPED EXONERATIONS OVERTIME. "IN THE U.S., AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011, 273 PEOPLE INCLUDING 17 DEATH ROW INMATES, HAVE BEEN EXONERATED BY USE OF DNA TESTS.

“DNA TESTING AND THE DEATH PENALTY” IS PUBLISHED BY ACLU. “THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION WAS FOUNDED IN 1920 AND IS OUR NATION’S GUARDIAN OF LIBERTY” ACCORDING TO ACLU. “THE ACLU WORKS IN THE COURTS, LEGISLATURES, AND COMMUNITIES TO DEFEND AND PRESERVE THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES GUARANTEED TO ALL PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.” THE ORGANIZATION’S ATTITUDE TOWARDS PEOPLE’S RIGHTS IS VERY STRONG AND PROFESSIONAL. THE ORGANIZATIONS STRIVE TO HOLD THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE MISTAKES THEY MAKE AND TO KEEP THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FROM MAKING MISTAKES. WE SEE THIS BY THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL ADVOCACY, SUPREME COURT CASES, COURT BATTLES, AND THE INFORMATION THAT THEY KEEP POSTING AND FILE. THE ACLU’S AUTHORITY IS TO HELP CONTINUE THE DEFENSE OF PEOPLE’S RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS. THE ACLU’S PRIMARY AUDIENCE IS FOR “ALL AMERICANS IN COURTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY” AS STATED BY THE ACLU. OTHER AUDIENCES THE ACLU HAS IS THE “LEFT-LEANING DEMOGRAPHIC SUCH AS IMMIGRANTS, LABOR UNIONS, LGBT PEOPLE, THE POOR, PRISONERS, AND THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL” AS STATED BY THE INFLUENCEWATCH. THE ACLU’S PURPOSE IS TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF THE MISTAKES THAT HAPPEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, FOR THE PEOPLE TO KNOWLEDGEABLE AND INFORMED, AND TO FIGHT FOR WHAT’S RIGHT.

THE ACLU'S GENRE IS FORMAL AND INFORMATIVE. THEY USE THIS GENRE SPECIFICALLY TO BE ABLE TO INFORM ALL AMERICANS REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE OR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS. AS STATED EARLIER, "LEFT-LEANING DEMOGRAPHIC SUCH AS IMMIGRANTS, LABOR UNIONS, LGBT PEOPLE, THE POOR, PRISONERS, AND THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL". EVEN THOUGH THE ARTICLE DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SHOW EMOTIONS, IT USES STATISTICS TO HELP BRING TO LIGHT THE INJUSTICE OF THE COURTS. USING CERTAIN EVIDENCE SUCH AS ACTUAL CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, "HE DIED OF CANCER IN JANUARY 2000, WHILE ON DEATH ROW BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE DNA TEST RESULTS THAT PROVED HIS INNOCENCE TEN MONTHS LATER." ACLU USES OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE INNOCENCE PROJECT TO HELP SUPPORT AND VERIFY THEIR INFORMATION. THIS ARTICLE BY THE ACLU SHOWS HOW DNA ADVANCEMENTS HELPED EXONERATIONS.



ABOVE ALL, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT DNA IMPACTS EXONERATION. DNA PLAYS A HUGE ROLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE FORENSIC FIELD. AFTER READING THE ARTICLE “WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS AND DNA EXONERATIONS: UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE” WRITTEN BY GERALD M. LA PORTE WE LEARNED THAT DNA COULD IDENTIFY MANY FACTORS SUCH AS WHERE A PERSON MIGHT HAVE BEEN, BLOOD STAINS IDENTIFYING A PERSON OR MAYBE AN ANIMAL, SHELL CASINGS IDENTIFYING WHAT GUN IT WAS SHOT FROM AND HOW LONG AGO IT WAS SHOT, ETC. AS SEEN IN HERMAN WILLIAM’S CASE, HE WAS CONVICTED BASED ON A FALSE CONFESSION, POLICE MISCONDUCT, AND FALSE DNA. HOWEVER, MR. WILLIAM’S WAS EXONERATED AFTER HAVING A DNA RETEST SHOWING THAT HIS DNA WAS NOT ON THE VICTIM’S FINGERNAILS PROVING THAT HE WASN’T THE ATTACKER AS THE VICTIM WAS BEING DEFENSIVE. “DNA TESTING COMPLETED IN 2021 AND PERFORMED ON BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COLLECTED FROM UNDER Ms. WILLIAMS’ FINGERNAILS DURING THE AUTOPSY — WHICH WAS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE SHE HAD CLEARLY STRUGGLED WITH HER ATTACKER — REVEALED MALE DNA THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO MR. WILLIAMS.” AFTER RESEARCHING FOR A FEW WEEKS, I HAVE FOUND A FEW THINGS THAT SURPRISED ME. THE ARTICLES ALL HAD A FEW THINGS IN COMMON AND ONE OF THOSE THINGS WAS THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO FALSE CONVICTIONS. ALMOST ALL FALSE CONVICTIONS HAPPEN BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT, POLICE MISCONDUCT, FALSE ADMISSIONS, INADEQUATE DEFENSE, MENTALLY ILL BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, AND INACCURATE DATA. THAT’S WHAT REALLY SURPRISED ME, OUR GOVERNMENT HAS SUCH A BIG BUDGET FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM YET SO MANY “MISTAKES” HAPPEN..

I BELIEVE THAT FORENSIC SCIENTISTS/ANALYSTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHOULD KNOW GREATLY ABOUT THE POWER OF FORENSIC SCIENCE. IN THE TEXT ABOVE, HERMAN WILLIAM'S IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW FORENSIC SCIENCE CAN IMPACT ONE'S SENTENCING.

NOT ONLY MAY IT IMPACT ONE'S SENTENCING BUT EXPOSE CORRUPT OFFICIALS SUCH AS THE DETECTIVE THAT WAS WORKING ON THE HERMAN WILLIAM CASE. LEARNING HOW DNA IMPACTS EXONERATIONS WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO LEARN ABOUT BECAUSE IT SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF STRUCTURE IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, IT ALSO SHOWS EVEN HOW MUCH STRUCTURE THE SYSTEM HAS THERE ARE ALWAYS MISTAKES AND WRONGDOINGS HAPPENING BECAUSE OF CORRUPT INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT

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