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Erroneous eyewitness identification is a well-known reason for the conviction of innocent persons. To improve the reliability of eyewitness testimony the Oregon Supreme Court has issued new guidelines for its admissibility. See p. 14.

Korian Dunkley’s conviction of the attempted robbery of a store in Sunrise, Florida committed while he was a mile away at a bus stop emphasizes the importance of trial judges excluding unreliable eyewitness testimony. See p. 3.

Perhaps the most egregious miscarriage of justice is when a person is convicted of committing a murder that didn’t happen. That is exactly what happened to Chris von Deutschburg in 1983. Although he was released on parole in 1990, he continued seeking evidence of his innocence. He was acquitted based on new medical evidence the “victim” actually died of natural causes See p. 11.

The worst accusation that can be made against a teacher is he or she sexually mistreated a student. Teachers Josephine Greensill and Lucinda Hites-Clabaugh were cleared on appeal in different cases of sex related charges after their lives were devastated. See. pgs. 9 and 13.

Pursuing executive clemency is the last resort for an innocent person to be released before their sentence expires when the courts fail to act on new evidence of his or her innocence. Barry Beach was taken back into custody when the Montana Supreme Court reversed a state judge’s order for his retrial. With his state court options exhausted Beach filed a 413-page application for commutation of his 100 year sentence. See. p. 5.

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