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After an arduous effort to overturn their wrongful conviction, an innocent person then faces the task of pursuing compensation. After his acquittal by the Wisconsin Court of Appeals David Turnpaugh filed in July 2009 for compensation from the Wisconsin Claims Board. More than four years later he was awarded \$822. See p. 5.

Expressing one’s “freedom of speech” can result in serious reprisals by government officials. Tunisian rapper Klay BBJ was convicted twice in the summer of 2013 of insulting the police with lyrics that criticized police treatment of government critics. Klay BBJ argued on appeal his lyrics denounced injustice and authoritarianism and his convictions were annulled. See p. 6.

Being convicted of a non-existent crime doesn’t just happen in the U.S. Shirley Banfield and her daughter Lynette had their convictions of murdering Donald Banfield in England quashed because the prosecution didn’t prove he was even dead. See p. 7.

Using their cloak of omnipotence fed by popular TV shows, it is relatively easy for prosecutors to convict a person of a non-existent crime. That happened to Joshua Ryan Brewer when he was convicted of unlawfully manifesting marijuana in Medford, Oregon when he was a registered medical marijuana user. See. P. 8.

Conflicting medical evidence about a person’s cause of death can result in a wrongful conviction. That happened to Kevin Thomas McCormick when he was convicted of causing the death of a hunter who fell out of a deer stand. McCormick was exonerated when the Minnesota COA ruled the prosecution didn’t present evidence proving McCormick was “the proximate cause of” the hunter’s fatal injuries. See. p. 11.

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