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Guilt by association and manipulation of the media against a suspect are two of the factors that resulted in the prosecution and conviction of Raye Dawn Smith in Oklahoma for a criminal charge related to the mistreatment of her deceased daughter by her husband at a time when she wasn't even present. See p. 3.

Being awarded compensation is challenging for exonerated persons in countries other than just the United States. England's Home Office has been attempting for some time to significantly raise the bar to compensation so it can only be awarded to those few persons who can prove their innocence "beyond a reasonable doubt." See p. 7.

It is an affront to the reliable functioning of the legal system when a person is convicted of a crime that didn't happened. The worst case scenario is when a person is convicted of murdering a person who in fact may be alive. That is what happened to Charles Stobaugh in Texas after his wife went missing. See p. 8.

The arrogance of judges whose sense of entitlement interferes with their obligation to be impartial is a problem around the world. During Argentina's military dictatorship from 1976 to 1983 the judiciary was an accomplice in the State's terrorism against its suspected political opponents, and judges disregarded their responsibility to protect those people's human rights. See. p. 9.

A grave danger to an innocent person is when authorities pursue a conviction based on an uncorroborated confession. Sture Bergwall was erroneously convicted in Sweden of eight murders with no credible evidence except for his false confessions. See. p. 10.

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