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Message From The Publisher

Derrick Hamilton's exoneration is a case study of the perseverance necessary to overcome the legal system's obstinance to admit error. For two decades prosecutors and courts threw every hurdle imaginable in Hamilton's way to avoid recognizing that his alibi evidence by a police officer established his actual innocence of a murder committed in Brooklyn when he was 80 miles away in Hartford, Connecticut. See p. 3.

Mikael Halvarsson's rape exoneration in Sweden based on him suffering from "sexsomnia" shows that lack of criminal intent can be proved in unusual ways. See p. 7.

Steven Spriggs exoneration in California for using a map app on his iPhone's shows that courts are slowly adapting to the increasing use of technology in daily life. See p. 11.

What is an exoneration? The widespread reporting of DNA exonerations tends to obscure that the large majority of people are exonerated by non-DNA evidence, and a significant number of those cases don't involve new evidence. See p. 14.

High Fence Foodie by Celeste Johnson has just been published by the Justice Institute. The book has more than 200 easy to prepare recipes for meals, soups, snacks, desserts and beverages. The recipes use ingredients available in a prison commissary, or people on the outside can purchase from a convenience or grocery store. It is a follow-up book to the very successful From The Big House To Your House, that was written by Ms. Johnson and five other female Texas prisoners. See p. 18 for ordering information.

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