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Message From The Publisher

It is horrific for an innocent person to be convicted of a crime he or she didn't commit. However, Colin Norris' case goes far beyond that horror because the foreman of the jury that convicted him of four murders and one attempted murder is convinced that new evidence proves his innocence of crimes didn't even occur. See p. 3.

The prosecutor in Steven A. Cole's case so obsessed with "winning at all costs" that he convinced the jury that Cole had the burden to prove his innocence of child sexual assault, and that he was guilty even though he had a vasectomy that made it impossible for him to be the source sperm linked to the crime. One of judges who overturned Cole's conviction stated he was the victim of an "American horror story that even Stephen King could not have written. ... the evidence in this case established Steven Cole's innocence, not his guilt." See p. 5.

Barry Bonds' ordeal of enduring a twelve year effort by federal authorities to have him convicted of committing some crime – *any crime* – ended with his acquittal by a federal appeals court on April 22, 2015 of obstruction of justice. See p. 13.

The 1,317 exonerations in 2014 publicly acknowledged by the Chief Justice of China's Supreme Court dwarfs the 224 known exonerations in 2014 in the United States. See p. 7.

It is well known that jurors typically presume a defendant is guilty, and that attitude led to Aaron S. Lowden being convicted of drug trafficking based on nothing more than the prosecution's suspicion he might be guilty. See p. 12.

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