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duced to prove an essential element of the rape charge, that is, that M.F. may not have consented to the intercourse even if her SAFE examination showed no physical trauma. Because appellant admitted to having had sexual intercourse with M.F. on the day in question, the only real issue before the jury was whether the intercourse was consensual, as appellant claimed, or non-consensual, as M.F. insisted.

... Because Ms. Hall's testimony addressed the core issue of M.F.'s consent, the trial court's error in admitting her testimony cannot be deemed harmless beyond a reasonable doubt.

Judgments Of The Circuit Court For Washington County Reversed; Case Remanded To That Court For A New Trial; Costs Assessed To Washington County." [*Largent v. Maryland*, No. 587 (MD Ct. Spec App, 2017), 14-15]

The reversal of Largent's conviction is final since he cannot be retried. Nurse Hall's admissible lay testimony supported that no rape occurred, so it can be somewhat doubted the Washington County District Attorney's Office would have retried Largent if he hadn't been murdered. Having sex with his stepdaughter may have been contrary to societal norms, but it wasn't illegal.

The Maryland State Police is in charge of investigating Largent's murder.

[Click here to read](#) *Roger Lee Largent v. State of Maryland*, No. 587 (Maryland Ct. of Special Appeals, 2-15-2017)

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## \$50,000 Reward Offered For Info That Will Exonerate Temujin Kensu Of 1986 Michigan Murder

The tip line number is 1-800-595-0830 to collect up to a \$50,000 reward for information that can help exonerate Temujin Kensu, aka Frederick Freeman.

Kensu is personally offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for credible information that will exonerate him of the Nov. 5, 1986 murder of Scott Macklem in a parking lot at St. Clair Community College in Port Huron, Michigan. Kensu is currently serving a life sentence for his 1987 first-degree murder conviction.\*

The Southfield, Michigan based law firm of [1-800-Law-Firm](#), which represents Kensu, is offering to match Kensu's reward. So the total maximum reward is \$50,000.

Kensu is offering up to \$5,000 (\$10,000 with the matching money) for credible information regarding Macklem's death, and \$25,000 (\$50,000 with the matching money) is being offered for information that exonerates Kensu or results in the conviction of the person who committed the crime.

1-800-595-0830 is the tip line number. [info@hardestypyi.com](mailto:info@hardestypyi.com) is the tip email address.

All tips go to Hardesty Private Investigations. Hardesty PI told Justice Denied they are working with Kensu and 1-800-Law-Firm. Hardesty PI's website is [www.hardestypyi.com](http://www.hardestypyi.com).

Kensu's defense at his trial was that he was on Michigan's upper peninsula where he was living, at the time of Macklem's murder 465 miles away in Port Huron. Port Huron is about 60 miles northeast of Detroit. The prosecution's case was based on the contention that Kensu was jealous of Macklem who was engaged to marry Kensu's former girlfriend, Crystal Merrill, who was pregnant with Kensu's child. Credible witnesses saw Kensu in Escanaba on the peninsula two hours after the murder. However, the prosecution argued it is possible -- without presenting any evidence he did so -- that he could have flown from Port Huron to Escanaba in a private airplane.

Kensu, 23 at the time of his arrest, is now 54.

Kensu has mounted a number of legal challenges in state and federal court to his conviction, all of which to date have been



Temujin kensu (Justice Incarcerated - 2010)

unsuccessful. On June 28, 2017 the Investigation Discovery cable channel aired a program about Kensu's case.

Kensu had a number of medical problems over a 20 year period of time that were largely ignored by the Michigan Department of Corrections, including

shoulder surgery that was denied in 2009. In 2013 Kensu filed a federal civil rights lawsuit [that alleged](#) the Michigan DOC and a number of DOC employees had exhibited "deliberate indifference to serious medical needs in violation of 42 U.S.C. 1983." On March 28, 2016 [the jury awarded](#) Kensu \$40,000 in compensatory damages and \$285,000 in punitive damages.

The DOC appealed. In March 2017 the DOC dropped their appeal, conceding that [they wouldn't win](#) the appeal. The DOC paid the \$325,000 awarded by the jury, which has enabled him to post a reward for information. (Some of the money will also be used to privately pay for necessary medical care for Kensu.)

Proving Innocence, which has been advocating for Kensu's innocence for almost ten years, has information about his case on their website, [www.provinginnocence.org](http://www.provinginnocence.org).

"Justice Incarcerated," a 2010 documentary about Kensu's case, can be seen on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/yapflj8t>.

A website with extensive information about Kensu's case is, <https://tinyurl.com/ya8dsmb3>.

### Endnote:

\* Since he converted to Buddhism Frederick Freeman goes by Temujin Kensu. The Mich DOC lists him under his committed name Freeman.

### Sources:

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