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## Justice: Denied Is the Toto of Wrongful Convictions

Like Toto in the Wizard of Oz, *Justice:Denied* pulls the curtain aside and reveals that the pomp and ceremony of the legal process perpetrates the hoax it can reliably distinguish the innocent from the guilty. The one in seven felons estimated to be innocent of the crime he or she was convicted of reveals that idea is as dead wrong as the innocent people known to have been executed.

Hours before Freddie Lee Wright was executed in March 2000, Alabama Supreme Court Justice Johnstone vainly protested: "...his petition recites persuasive facts that support the conclusion that he is innocent and that his conviction results from lack of a fair trial... the likelihood [is] that we are sending an innocent man to his death."

As a whistleblower of injustice, *Justice:Denied* exposes the tragic human consequences of judges, prosecutors, police investigators and lab technicians acting on the idea that what they do is 'Good enough for government work.' Their shoddy work is routinely exposed during an investigation initiated by a wrongly convicted person's family member or friend, by journalism or law school students, or



Dennis Maher was released on April 3, 2003 after 20 years of false imprisonment for rapes DNA proved he didn't commit. No one listened in 1983 when he told the judge his conviction was a travesty.

by a newspaper reporter or compassionate stranger. Those are the sorts of outsiders most wrongly convicted people owe for their exoneration, not insiders privy to the details of the innocent person's frame-up.

*Justice:Denied's* features include: articles about ongoing cases; news items of interest; stories about exonerated people; reviews of books and movies; and an analysis of law review articles, studies and legal opinions related to wrongful convictions. More than any other publication in the world *Justice:Denied* is a real-time manual of how a person is wrongly convicted - and how that person is then exonerated.

"*Justice: Denied* - The Magazine for the Wrongly Convicted, provides a magnificent profiling of the stories of the wrongly convicted. It masterfully brings the wrongs done in this country in the name of justice to stark awareness." Professor Elizabeth Loftus, author of many books, including *Witness for the Defense* and *Eyewitness Testimony*.

To aid victims of a wrongful conviction, *Justice:Denied* has an *Innocence Resource Guide* listing the address of innocence projects and other contacts related to wrongful convictions. The *Guide* is available on the Internet at: <http://justicedenied.org/resource.htm>

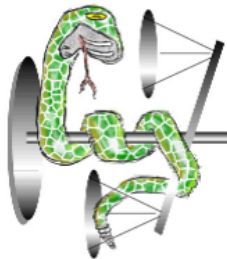
*Justice:Denied* also has an *Article Submission Guide* for people interested in submitting a story of wrongful conviction. It includes the address of the magazine staff person assigned to receive articles for each state. This is also available on the Internet at: <http://justicedenied.org/submita.htm>

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The Magazine for the Wrongly Convicted

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The scales of justice are tipped against innocent people all across the country - from Maine to Hawaii and from Alaska to Florida.

Justice: Denied provides a public voice for innocent people victimized by that tragic reality.

**Justice:Denied** relentlessly sheds light on the darkest injustice imaginable - the prosecution, conviction and punishment of the innocent.

As an independent non-profit publication that is not beholden to editorially pleasing any private group or public agency, *Justice:Denied* fearlessly prints stories of wrongful conviction and how and why they occur. No one is spared exposure for their role in causing an injustice: Prosecutors, detectives, lab technicians, judges, witnesses, politicians, jurors and defense lawyers are all fair game.

Since its founding in 1998, *Justice:Denied* has provided a public voice for the innocent people - estimated to be as many as one and a third million - buried in the depths of this country's federal and state law enforcement systems.



Ray Krone walked out of an Arizona prison on April 8, 2002 after ten years of false imprisonment. Four of those years were spent on death row. Erroneous expert bite mark testimony led to Mr. Krone being wrongfully convicted twice for a murder he didn't commit.

As the only magazine published in this country devoted to wrongful convictions, *Justice:Denied* sends out invaluable SOS messages to the free world about the plight of people as innocent of the crime they were convicted of committing as the person reading this. Everyday hundreds of people learn 'it can't happen to me' was wishful thinking. A person's innocence is irrelevant if the illusion is created they are guilty - and prosecutors are masters at doing just that.

Overturing a wrongful conviction is a monumental task. An innocent person's conviction after a several day trial can, and often times does take years of effort by dedicated people to overturn.

"As the only magazine devoted solely to wrongful convictions, *Justice: Denied* fulfills an important role by publicizing inmates' claims of innocence. The magazine's vigilant volunteer editors and writers also provide an important public service by covering developments that affect the endless fight for true justice rather than indiscriminate revenge." Martin Yant, author, journalist and private investigator

To do so requires convincing skeptical people that a person has been wronged by the legal system. The difficulty in doing that is why *Justice:Denied* shines its light on cases of people who can make a credible argument that they got the ultimate raw deal - being convicted of a crime they didn't commit.



Ellen Reasonover was a Good Samaritan who called the police to report she saw two men in a car at the scene of a murder. She was prosecuted for the murder, and came within one vote of a death sentence. Discovery the prosecutor concealed exculpatory audio tapes and purchased perjured testimony to frame her was key to her release in August 1999 after 16 years of false imprisonment. In September 2004 Ms. Reasonover was awarded damages of \$7.5 million.

## How Are People Wrongly Convicted?

A number of factors contribute to the remarkable ease that vast numbers of men, women and increasingly children are victimized by a wrongful conviction. One or more of the following factors are typically present in a case of wrongful conviction:

- ✓ Overzealous prosecutors solely concerned with winning
- ✓ Inadequate police investigation
- ✓ Fabrication of evidence or doctored reports by the police and/or crime lab technicians.
- ✓ Erroneous identification by the victim or other eyewitnesses
- ✓ False confession physically or psychologically coerced
- ✓ Inexperienced or incompetent defense lawyer
- ✓ Perjury by the police and/or other prosecution witnesses.
- ✓ Inaccurate analysis of evidence by crime lab technicians
- ✓ Uncritical jurors who blithely accept the prosecutor's case
- ✓ Tunnel vision by police and prosecutors who presume the defendant's guilt to the exclusion of other suspects
- ✓ Slanting of a judge's rulings to favor the prosecution
- ✓ Lack of resources prevents the defendant from hiring investigators and/or experts to find exculpatory evidence
- ✓ Pressuring of witnesses to give pro-prosecution testimony
- ✓ Smearing of the defendant's character in the courtroom and the media for alleged or actual actions that have no relationship to the charges
- ✓ Critical evidence disappears, is destroyed, or the prosecution resists providing it for defense testing
- ✓ Prejudice against a defendant's ethnicity, religion, or political or personal ideas by the prosecutor, judge and/or jurors
- ✓ Coercion of an innocent defendant to accept a plea bargain by the prosecutor's piling on of charges that will result in a much longer sentence if the defendant goes to trial and loses
- ✓ Purchase of perjurious testimony by the prosecutor
- ✓ Wording of an indictment to paint an innocent person in the worst light possible in the eyes of the judge and jury

The playing field is heavily tilted in favor of the prosecution when a defendant



Anthony Bragdon spent 10 years imprisoned for a rape he didn't commit. In March 2003 his conviction based on falsification of evidence by the FBI crime lab was thrown out.

isn't wealthy enough to hire the highest quality lawyers, investigators and expert witnesses to counter the prosecution's virtually unlimited resources. So the likelihood of a wrongful conviction becomes a near certainty when an innocent person who doesn't have hundreds of thousands of dollars to spend on a defense, encounters a deck stacked by such things as police perjury; falsification or destruction of evidence by the police, crime lab technicians or prosecutors; perjured testimony purchased by an unscrupulous prosecutor; a pro-prosecution judge; or prejudiced jurors. Under those conditions the wonder isn't that the innocent are convicted, but that they are ever acquitted.

JD's website is at: <http://justicedenied.org>

## The Wrongly Convicted Are Becoming Visible

*Justice:Denied*, and its website that gets over a million hits a year, has been a leader in increasing public awareness about the prevalence of wrongful convictions. When *Justice:Denied* was founded it was one of a very few voices crying in the wilderness about the nationwide scandal of innocent people being falsely branded as criminals. That concern is now openly shared by the professors, students, lawyers and journalists involved in more than three dozen innocence projects across the country. There are also now several websites that expose different aspects of wrongful convictions, and newspapers regularly report on exonerated people.

Governor George Ryan's pardoning on January 10, 2003 of four innocent men on Illinois' death row who had been tortured into falsely confessing would have been unthinkable just a few years ago. There was extensive news coverage of those pardons and of Gov. Ryan's commutations the next day of everyone on Illinois' death row, because of the possibility there were undetected innocent people among them. Afterwards an Illinois prosecutor admitted what also would have been unthinkable a few years ago: innocent people confess to crimes they didn't commit and some of them end up on death row.



Jeffrey Scott Hornoff was convicted of murdering a woman acquaintance without any physical evidence of his guilt. After 6-1/2 years imprisonment, he was released on November 6, 2002 when the actual killer confessed.

"In November of 2000 *Justice:Denied* published an article I had written about [my son Derek's] case and a publisher from Medstar Television read that article which led to the production of an hour long episode of Medical Detectives which airs on The Learning Channel. That program has been seen around the world, we have received numerous messages of concern and offers of support. An article was written and published in the February 2003 issue of Playboy and a book is currently in the process of being written.

All of the recognition and support would not have happened were it not for *Justice:Denied*. The dedication of the staff is to be highly commended." Larry A. Tice, father of Derek Tice, one of the "Navy's Forgotten Four"

*Justice:Denied's* mission can be summed up as a crusade to make 'Innocent Until Proven Guilty' more than a hollow phrase used by judges, prosecutors and the police to cover-up that in reality the reverse is usually true: an accused person is considered to be 'Guilty Until Proven Innocent.'

**Public exposure is a powerful antidote to injustice.**

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