

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT

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This month, DNA evidence exonerated the 65th wrongfully convicted person in North America. Certain themes have begun to emerge as to the significance of this extraordinary data. Systemic failures in the criminal justice system can be identified and one hopes, rectified. While some, such as the unreliability of eyewitness ID or false confessions are obvious, sloppy and fraudulent forensic science is equally problematic. To properly address and correct these problems, the participation of the forensic science community is a necessity.