



November 2020

Thank you for helping us bring home FIVE clients this year!

That rate is unprecedented. Yet, these are unprecedented times.

We're pleased to introduce four – Marilyn, Jerry, Milam and Nate – who are home for Thanksgiving after being wrongfully imprisoned for a collective **111 years**.

Marilyn spent **28 years in prison** after being convicted of a murder she did not commit and sentenced to death (later commuted to life without parole). During a 20-hour interrogation, she was denied sleep and a lawyer, threatened physically and told her children would be taken from her. In April Gov. JB Pritzker commuted Marilyn's life sentence in response to a request for an expedited ruling on our clemency petition, argued last fall, due the pandemic.

Jerry was only 16 when he was wrongfully convicted and spent the next **30 years in prison** for a crime he did not commit. Though his release came at the end of his sentence, we advocated for his good time credits to be applied fairly. His release date was moved up from a 2021 out date, freeing him from exposure to the COVID outbreak in Illinois prisons.

Milam, our longest serving client, spent **40 years in prison** for a murder he did not commit. He was granted a compassionate release in June due to his age and pre-existing health conditions that could result in serious illness or death if he contracted COVID.

Nate spent **13 years in prison** after being wrongfully convicted of murdering his infant son. He was released in June after it was discovered that evidence of his innocence was not disclosed to defense counsel. The Rock Island County State's Attorney supported our request to overturn his conviction and release him immediately.

Help us bring more innocent people home!

Register for our personal conversation with Exoneree Amanda Knox.

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Livestream

7:00 pm CT

\$20 per screen

(special rate for students)

Be one of the first 50 **event sponsors** and receive an invitation to join Amanda in a private gathering following the event!
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