

Innocence Project Exoneree Jerry Miller Featured on the Colbert Report

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Jerry Miller, who was exonerated in Illinois after serving 24 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, told Stephen Colbert of Comedy Central's *The Colbert Report* that states should grant access to DNA testing for prisoners trying to prove their innocence. Miller, who was the 200th person in the U.S. to be exonerated through DNA testing, said he is now rebuilding his life and looking forward to being compensated for his wrongful conviction.

On October 1, 1982, Miller was convicted of rape, robbery and kidnapping. The Innocence Project took on Jerry Miller's case in 2005. The Cook County Clerk's Office located the DNA evidence in his case and sent it to Strand Analytical Laboratory for testing. After DNA testing excluded Miller, the Cook County State Attorney's Office joined the Innocence Project and the Cook County Public Defender's Office in a joint motion to vacate and dismiss Miller's conviction. DNA testing on semen from the rape proves that Miller did not commit the crime – and instead implicates another man as the actual perpetrator.

The Innocence Project (IP) was founded in 1992 at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law to assist prisoners whose chances of being proven innocent through DNA testing are high. Currently, 206 people have been exonerated, including 15 who were at one time sentenced to death. The IP was either the attorney of record or assisted in the majority of cases.

To read more about the Innocence Project and other DNA, exonerees like Jerry Miller, please visit our website - www.innocenceproject.org.

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