

Pronouncement of Innocence

Steph Turner demonstrates being wrongly convicted and offers an alternative to faulty legalism

Assertion of Criminal Innocence

Whereas the current structure of the adversarial judicial system remains slow to recognize, admit and correct its errors;

Whereas academically estimated rates of wrongful convictions span from 1 to 5% of all convictions, potentially even higher, and this totals over a hundred thousand;

Whereas the current National Registry of Exonerations identifies exonerations nowhere near this number;

Whereas wrongful convictions stem from known contributors that can be identified in a case **including this one**;

Context

Whereas LGBTQ+ people have historically been targeted by law enforcement;

Whereas the complainant had a clear motive to implicate the transgender defendant as a way to avoid being outed for same-sex attraction and risk rejection of her same-sex attraction at a time when acceptance was rare, and her stepfather uttered homophobic slurs;

Whereas the defendant has no other criminal history;

Whereas asexual transpeople present no threat of sexual violence to the public;

Whereas the investigation did not question the defendant's own three underaged daughters; who never accused the defendant of any criminal wrongdoing;

Whereas the defendant continues to endure a history of being scapegoated along with legally privileged economic marginalization;

Whereas repeated requests for legal assistance from innocence projects to review this case has not borne fruit and never because they could not find merit for its potential reversal in court;

Post-legalist alternative

Whereas a viable alternative to the limits of adversarial legal process can be found in the need-based mutuality process, as presented by the new professional service of need-response; and

Whereas this mutuality process invites input from anyone affected, as long as they willingly submit to the discipline of this mutuality process to properly address each other's needs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that STEPHEN DENNIS TURNER effectively demonstrates their innocence of all charges from the alleged incident on 7th of July, 1993.

<https://www.anankelogyfoundation.org/innocence/turner>

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