

# *Former Black Liberation Activist Zolo Azania Freed After 35 Years*

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Washington, February 16 (RHC)-- A former Black liberation activist who spent 35 years in prison -- 27 years on death row -- is finally free. Zolo Azania was convicted of killing a police officer during a 1981 bank robbery in Indiana.

At his trial, he was an outspoken member of the Republic of New Afrika and maintained his innocence. An all-white jury sentenced him to death, but the state Supreme Court twice overturned his death sentence. He was later given a 74-year sentence, and was released last week after earning credit for good behavior.

Zolo Azania told reporters: "I got out of prison. And my whole life changed! The whole world. The Earth even smelled different." Zolo's supporters have set up a GoFundMe page to help the 62-year-old "rebuild his life" as he looks for employment and continues his activism for social justice.

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