

# *Black man sues after being wrongly imprisoned for 37 years in U.S.*

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Willie Stokes, an African American man, was convicted of murder in 1984. The two detectives who were involved in the case are accused of offering sex and drugs to a witness in exchange for false testimony against Stokes.

The witness, who recanted his accusation during the murder trial, was charged with perjury just days after Stokes was convicted. But Stokes didn't have access to this information until 2015 — decades into his life sentence.

Stokes was released from prison last month, and his murder conviction has been formally dismissed.

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