



Minnesota Wrongfully Convicted Judicial Reform Hosting: **Rally to Demand the Ending of 19 Years of Wrongful Imprisonment**

When: May 19, 2023, 3 pm CST

Where: Hennepin County Government Center, Inside

May 19, 2023 marks nineteen years Marvin Haynes has been wrongfully incarcerated. Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty has the power to exonerate Marvin and vacate his sentence.

How free is Minnesota in 2023 when our innocent citizens are locked up for decades for crimes they did not commit? Marvin Haynes' and Myon Burrell's cases are not anomalies but are simply indications of systemic corruption.

Minnesota Wrongfully Convicted Judicial Reform (MNCJR) is hosting a rally and press conference at the Hennepin County Government Center to demand that Marvin Haynes be exonerated. Other impacted families will also be speaking about their wrongfully incarcerated loved ones, further demonstrating the corruption within our state's criminal justice system.

MNWCJR Demands that Hennepin County Attorney Moriarty:

1. Exonerate Marvin Haynes.
2. Investigate all the cases under Amy Klobuchar and Mike Furnstahl.
3. Set up a conviction review unit specifically for Hennepin County.

Notes about Marvin’s case: Marvin was sentenced to life in prison for murder, a crime he did not commit. Now in 2023, Marvin Haynes has been imprisoned for 19 years—over half of his life—because of an unjust justice system. MNWCJR and other community leaders are demanding that Marvin Haynes be released from this wrongful prison sentence, based on the following claims:

1. The initial detective assigned to the case has decried the way the investigation was mishandled, saying it was “prejudicial,” and that he “disagreed with the county attorney’s legal tactics.” [Read his full statement here.](#)
2. Witnesses who were 14 years old at the time have come forward with signed affidavits indicating they were coerced into naming Marvin. Both were threatened with prison time themselves, if they did not comply.
3. Marvin did not match the description of the killer.
4. Marvin was interrogated for hours as a 16 year-old minor without legal representation or a guardian present.
5. There is NO evidence linking Marvin to the crime.

Now is the time for Minnesota officials to make right the egregious error committed toward Marvin Haynes and release him immediately.

Additional Reporting: [Star Tribune](#) [Unicorn Riot](#)