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## The National Center for Reason & Justice

Combating False Accusations  
and Wrongful Convictions  
of Crimes Against Children

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## What We Do

**NCRJ brings reason to the public discourse about sex, crime, and children and promotes justice for those accused or convicted of crimes against children, both the innocent and the guilty. The organization:**

**Acts as a tax-deductible fiscal sponsor** for community groups supporting the innocent

**Aids the accused** in decision-making and **locating qualified attorneys**

**Helps make prisoners' lives more bearable**, with stipends to buy necessities at the commissary, birthday cards, and the knowledge that someone out there cares

**Educates the public** – criminal and human rights lawyers, journalists, students, and advocates – about these injustices and their roots in the sex panics of the 1980s and '90s

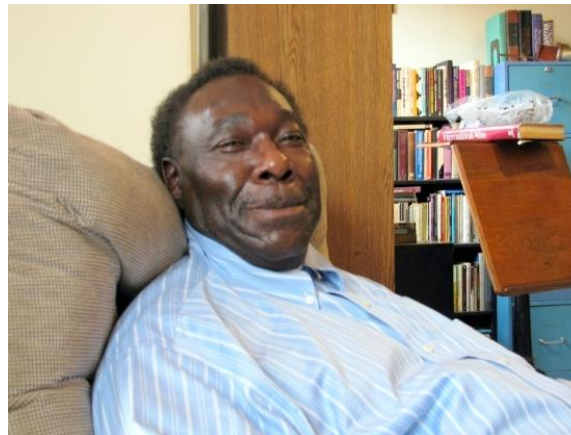


*Bernard Baran, imprisoned for 22 years, was the first NCRJ-sponsored person to win his freedom.*

**Many innocent people** are imprisoned or executed in America, especially if they don't have the money to defend themselves. Recent exonerations of convicted people via DNA evidence demonstrate this terrible fact.

**Especially vulnerable are those accused of sex offenses – especially against children and adolescents.** No one denies that such crimes occur. Yet **coerced accusations and confessions and junk forensic science** sway judges, juries, and the media, whose commonsense is eclipsed by the mere suggestion of "harm to minors."

Sometimes, there is **no crime at all** – yet the convicted may go to prison for decades and must register as sex offenders after release, sometimes for life. Even the acquitted lose jobs, families, and reputations, simply because they have been accused.



*Joseph Allen (and Nancy Smith) spent 14 years in prison for crimes that never happened. The evidence was so weak that a judge recently ordered them acquitted.*