Navigating Post-Conviction Claims of Factual Innocence and Exonerations: Information For Crime Victims and Survivors

You are not alone.
Criminal cases can continue long after conviction, resulting in renewed feelings of fear, uncertainty, and loss of power and control. Post-conviction claims of innocence and exonerations can increase these feelings and cause crime victims and survivors to feel re-traumatized, re-victimized, and alone. We are here to help answer your questions and provide you with support.

These are common feelings.

What is Healing Justice?
Healing Justice is a national nonprofit organization that provides support and services to crime victims and survivors, their families, and others in these cases. Healing Justice was founded in 2015 by Jennifer Thompson, a crime survivor whose case resulted in a post-conviction exoneration. She and other victims and survivors who lead our work understand the importance of support and community at all stages of the legal process.

"Never have I been able to share my story and thoughts in such a safe and caring space. To be able to sit with others and share my experiences was just incredible. The support allowed me to move forward in my healing process." - Crime Survivor

How can Healing Justice support me?
Healing Justice provides specialized services for crime victims and survivors in the post-conviction setting in ongoing cases, cold cases, and cases that have been closed. We offer group and individual peer support, connection to key resources, and referrals to local and national crisis hotlines. Here are three ways you can connect with us:
1. Email us at info@healingjusticeproject.org for more information.
2. Visit our main website to learn about other victims and survivors and to access key resources: https://healingjusticeproject.org/crime-victims-and-families.
3. Find more information and practical tools regarding post-conviction services and support: https://www.survivorservices.org. There are peer-to-peer support videos that share the individual stories of others directly impacted by these cases. In order to protect the privacy of those who shared their stories, the videos are password protected. Be sure to click “request password” and complete the short form, then we will reach out to you with access.

"With Healing Justice, I have not felt so safe since I was a child." - Crime Survivor