

# Wrongly imprisoned inmate finally free

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the next 39 years, Lomax faced countless struggles and hardships and had to live with the fact that this was not only affecting him, but his family as well.

"My position has always been taking the stigma off my family," said Lomax. "They [his family] knew that I didn't do it, but they had to live with it all these years. So even if I was released, I would continue to struggle."

After years of claiming innocence and four recommendations for parole, Lomax's case was finally reopened when Circuit Judge Gale E. Rasin saw the evident racial discrimination that took place during the original trial. "In the interest of justice," Judge Rasin reopened Lomax's case and ultimately overturned his life prison term and re-sentenced him to time served.

Upon entering prison, Lomax faced many difficul-

ties that made the transition from life as a free man to one of an institutionalized one hard. "The first ten years were somewhat difficult because I was angry and bitter about it. After that I just realized that I had to struggle to get out," said Lomax.

Lomax, having dropped out of high school earlier in his life, faced many hardships. Having a lack of basic reading and writing skills back then, he reflects on the events that had transpired in his life and the changes that could have been made during the trial.

"When I went into prison, I was basically functionally illiterate...Which is primarily responsible for me not being able to participate in the trial," said Lomax.

Prior to his ordeal, Lomax had faith in the criminal justice system and believed that justice would come to him because he was innocent of the crime, but the outcome

would be much different.

"I thought that, OK [I] didn't do it, and they would find it out or they would find out who did it," said Lomax.

During Lomax's trial, an all-white jury found him guilty after five white eye witnesses identified him as the shooter. Despite claims of innocence and physical restrictions that would have made it nigh impossible for him to commit the crimes, he was found guilty.

Two weeks prior to the robbery and murder of Brewer, Lomax received severe injuries sustained by an assault while he was escorting his two younger sisters to a party.

The resulting effect was that Lomax had to wear a long thick cast on his wrist and arm due to a stab wound he received from the beating, a fact that all five eye witnesses failed to note when they fingered Lomax as the killer.

During the time of the murder Lomax, who said he had no idea where the store was then or now, was at his sister's house recovering from the injuries and he recalls the seriousness of his physical state at that time.

"Because of the severity of the injuries, I mean the hand injury in and of itself was severe, but my knees were scraped and busted and my ribs were severely cracked. I was in pretty bad shape. I was physically incapable of coming out."

Upon hearing Lomax's story and realizing the inconsistencies, Steve Delaney and Jim McColskey of Centurion Ministries, a New Jersey nonprofit geared at helping people they feel are wrongly convicted gain their freedom, got involved. One of the reasons Lomax's release took longer than expected was his firm stance and that he would never accept responsibility for the crime.

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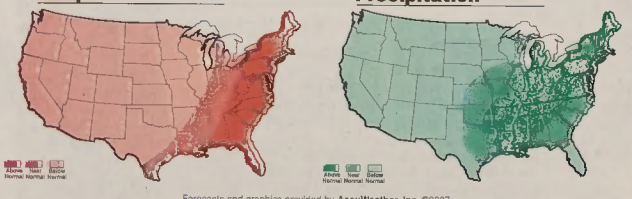


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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny and mild	Chance of a shower	Partly sunny and breezy	Cloudy	Cooler with rain possible	Cooler with rain
54°	33°	60° / 43°	64° / 48°	68° / 50°	62° / 41°	50° / 34°	39° / 36°
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#### WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



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#### IN THE SKY

Sun		Moon		Moon Phases			
Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Last	New	First	Full
Thursday 7:33 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	Thursday 12:29 a.m.	11:47 a.m.				
Friday 7:33 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	Friday 1:26 a.m.	12:13 p.m.				
Saturday 7:32 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	Saturday 2:26 a.m.	12:49 p.m.	1/11	1/18	1/25	2/2
Sunday 7:32 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	Sunday 3:28 a.m.	1:18 p.m.				
Monday 7:32 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	Monday 4:31 a.m.	2:02 p.m.				
Tuesday 7:32 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	Tuesday 5:34 a.m.	2:55 p.m.				
Wednesday 7:31 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	Wednesday 6:32 a.m.	3:57 p.m.				

#### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Albany, SC	58	33	63	41	60	47	62	46	Memphis, TN	60	32	64	58	66	53	57	39
Augusta, GA	46	37	66	42	68	48	72	48	Myrtle Beach, SC	57	42	61	48	69	51	70	53
Charleston, SC	59	41	66	50	71	51	74	54	Norfolk, VA	48	40	63	49	65	49	68	52
Columbia, SC	57	35	64	45	70	49	72	49	Raleigh, NC	52	32	60	45	65	48	70	48
Durham, NC	54	33	61	44	64	49	70	48	Richmond, VA	51	35	59	44	69	49	64	48
Greensboro, NC	48	33	57	44	60	48	64	49	Roanoke, VA	49	32	58	45	57	46	61	45
Greenville, SC	52	34	58	45	61	49	66	48	Savannah, GA	60	43	70	47	71	52	72	52
Knoxville, TN	50	33	58	45	58	49	63	44	Wilmington, NC	55	37	64	49	70	51	71	53
Lynchburg, VA	47	27	56	39	56	44	62	44	Winston-Salem, NC	52	34	60	44	60	47	65	50

#### U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	57	42	62	48	64	51	64	46	Miami	75	66	77	67	80	66	80	65
Boston	40	30	45	40	49	40	43	38	Minneapolis	28	8	17	6	19	9	13	6
Chicago	42	32	39	27	33	25	28	21	New Orleans	67	60	63	60	61	62	60	44
Cleveland	44	32	40	30	43	32	40	30	New York City	43	39	50	41	51	42	50	44
Dallas	66	59	67	53	65	48	50	30	Oakland	71	53	77	55	76	57	80	69
Denver	33	9	23	8	21	5	17	0	Pittsburgh	47	34	50	41	52	39	49	38
Detroit	40	32	39	31	37	27	35	27	Phoenix	63	49	61	42	58	36	58	37
Houston	71	61	74	63	74	62	66	44	San Francisco	50	38	51	37	51	37	55	42
Kansas City	46	27	33	22	34	19	20	10	Seattle	35	23	32	27	35	29	38	31
Los Angeles	57	42	52	38	55	40	61	41	Washington, DC	46	35	59	42	57	45	59	46

#### WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	48	41	50	45	54	46	54	43	Paris	48	41	50	45	54	46	52	43
Berlin	45	36	43	39	50	43	48	37	Rio de Janeiro	85	76	86	75	85	72	83	72
Buenos Aires	86	70	87	72	77	59	75	66	Rome	59	46	61	45	61	41	61	43
Caro	65	48	64	49	63	52	68	49	San Juan	83	73	83	71	81	71	82	71
Jerusalem	54	42	53	39	50	47	55	39	Seoul	51	14	27	5	31	12	35	19
Johannesburg	75	56	78	57	76	57	70	58	Sydney	68	72	80	67	76	63	80	66
London	50	41	54	46	55	43	50	39	Tokyo	44	35	50	36	44	30	46	32
Mexico City	76	40	75	42	77	41	78	40	Toronto	36	33	37	30	33	26	32	28
Moscow	41	33	37	30	35	28	34	22	Zurich	50	41	47	41	51	34	52	36

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