

# WRONG MAN

## EPISODE SYNOPSSES LONG

### Ep 101

#### **Evaristo Salas: The Letter**

At just 16-years old, Evaristo Junior Salas was tried as an adult and sent to prison for 33 years for the murder of 24-year old Jose Arreola, who was gunned down in his pickup truck in front of his girlfriend and newborn baby. Local police couldn't find the killer and the case went cold until a criminal informant identified Salas - a young gang member with a criminal record. For over two decades, Salas has insisted that he is innocent and claims that the justice system railroaded him. To uncover the truth, a team of the country's leading investigators and legal minds join forces to investigate Salas' claims of wrongful conviction. They travel to the scene of the crime in Sunnyside, Washington - a small farming town with a history of gang violence - to track down witnesses, examine forensic evidence, and chase leads that the local police never followed up on. Just when the state's case is starting to unravel - a visit to meet Salas in prison throws the whole investigation into question. The team will have to dig deeper to find out whether the system really got the wrong man.

### Ep 102

#### **Evaristo Salas: The Informant**

After a setback investigating the Evaristo Salas case when the primary eyewitness refused to talk, investigators Ira Todd and Joe Kennedy return to Sunnyside, Washington to meet with the lead detective, retired Sunnyside Detective Sergeant Jim Rivard. Rivard tells them how Salas first came to his attention as a suspect when a criminal informant just happened to see photos of Evaristo on Rivard's desk. Ira and Joe think something is up with Rivard's story so they hone in on the criminal informant for more information, however, Rivard is not keen on them talking to him. The informant finally comes forward with his side of the story - and the team is shocked by what they learn.

### Ep 103

#### **Curtis Flowers: Trial and Error**

On the morning of July 16, 1996, owner Bertha Tardy and three of her employees were murdered execution-style inside her furniture store in the quiet town of Winona, Mississippi. All four died of gunshot wounds to the head. Twenty-six-year-old Curtis Flowers became a suspect almost immediately when investigators learned that he'd been fired from the store days earlier. No murder weapon was ever found, but a gunshot residue test conducted on that day revealed one particle on Curtis' right hand. Flowers was arrested and went on to become one of the most tried defendants in history with the same District Attorney presiding for 21 years over a total of six trials and overturned verdicts. Now he faces a possible 7th trial while he continues to maintain his innocence.

### Ep 104

#### **Curtis Flowers: Death Again**

Investigators Charlie Saums, Ira Todd and Joe Kennedy are on the ground in Winona, Mississippi, re-investigating the Curtis Flowers case. Flowers is convicted of a quadruple homicide for which he maintains his innocence. The investigators turn the spotlight on the state's investigation, as they start to realize that the police and prosecution may not have been as thorough as they should have. District Attorney Doug Evans has prosecuted Curtis in all six trials. In spite of repeated attempts to reach Evans, he refuses to be interviewed, pending a state Supreme Court decision, and a possible *seventh* trial. The investigators take to the streets, trying to learn what they can about how the prosecution was conducted.

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**Ep 105****Christopher Tapp: The Confession**

On June 13, 1996, Angie Dodge was found brutally murdered in her Idaho Falls apartment. She had been stabbed multiple times, sexually assaulted and ejaculated upon postmortem. A dogged search by detectives yielded few clues. They took DNA samples from dozens of males in the weeks and months following the murder but found no match. Finally, after six months without leads, the police believed they got a break when, a friend of Angie's, was arrested in Ely, Nevada for a rape at knifepoint. Convinced of his guilt, they questioned his friends, among them Christopher Tapp. During their quest to implicate the friend of Angie's in her murder, the police questioned Tapp for 28 hours. The grueling interrogation and their leading questions led to Tapp confessing to the crime. He was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to 30-years to life in prison. Tapp claims he's innocent and the Wrong Man team believes his case deserves another look. The videotapes of Tapp's confession show his story varying wildly from interrogation to interrogation, until finally he confesses. Our team has engaged a former LA County homicide detective, Danny Smith, to take another crack at the case. Even the victim's mother, Carol Dodge, no longer believes Tapp murdered her daughter. Carol's tenacious search has yielded new leads and multiple persons of interest that Danny examines while simultaneously conducting his own investigation to try and apprehend the real killer.

**Ep 106****Christopher Tapp: Flawed Freedom**

Ira Todd and Joe Kennedy land in Idaho Falls to help local investigator Danny Smith look into a case of coerced confession. After viewing videotapes of Chris' confession, even Carol Dodge believes the wrong man, Christopher Tapp, is in prison for her daughter's murder. She's spent two decades investigating the case, looking for the killer whose DNA matches what was found at the crime scene. Ira, Joe and Danny conduct a neighborhood canvass around the house where Angie was killed. Although it yields few leads, our investigators approach several persons of interest who potentially had contact with Angie. They are able to acquire DNA samples and have them tested to see if they have a match to the crime scene DNA. Meanwhile, attorneys and advocates for Tapp are preparing for two hearings that could lead to his release. Then a couple of weeks before the hearings are scheduled to take place, the prosecution offers Tapp a deal.