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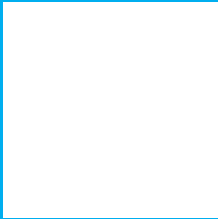
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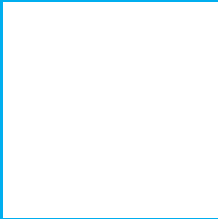
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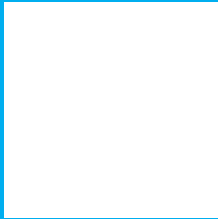
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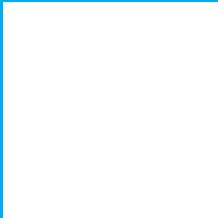
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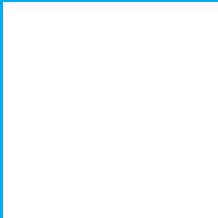
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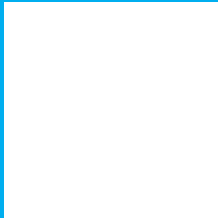
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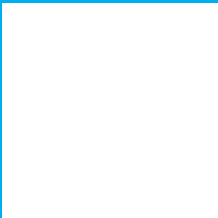
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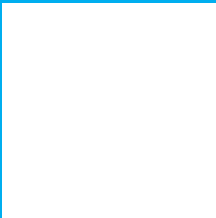
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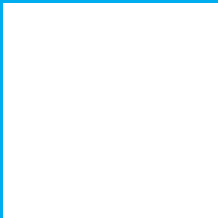
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Introduction



Click the link to read about the Innocence Project
<http://www.innocenceproject.org/>

The Innocence Project is a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted individuals through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice.

The Innocents documents the stories of individuals who served time in prison for violent crimes they did not commit. At issue is the question of photography's function as a credible eyewitness and arbiter of justice.

The primary cause of wrongful conviction is mistaken identification. A victim or eyewitness identifies a suspected perpetrator through law enforcement's use of photographs and lineups. This procedure relies on the assumption of precise visual memory. But, through exposure to composite sketches, mugshots, Polaroids, and lineups, eyewitness memory can change. In the history of these cases, photography offered the criminal justice system a tool that transformed innocent citizens into criminals. Photographs assisted officers in obtaining eyewitness identifications and aided prosecutors in securing convictions.



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Charles Irvin Fain Scene of
the crime, the snake River,
Melba, Idaho

Served 18 years of a death
sentence for Kidnapping,
Rape and murder, 2002



Chromogenic print, 48 x 60
inches (121.9 x 152.4 cm),
Edition of 5

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THE ACCUSED

Charles Irvin Fain



Incident Date: 2/24/82	Year of Conviction: 1983
Jurisdiction: ID	Exoneration Date: 8/23/01
Charge: Murder, Rape, Kidnapping	Sentence Served: 17.5 Years
Conviction: Murder, Rape, Kidnapping	Real perpetrator found? Not Yet
Sentence: Death	Contributing Causes: Informants, Unvalidated or Improper Forensic Science
	Compensation? Not Yet

Charles Irvin Fain was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder, rape, and kidnapping of a young girl. The crime occurred in Nampa, Idaho, in 1982. Fain has always maintained his innocence and DNA testing in 2001 revealed the truth of his claim.



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