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## **WORKING WITH CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS**

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## **CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS**

- **What is a CIU?**
- **How does a CIU operate?**
- **Does every county need a CIU?**

# CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS

## Kinds of Cases CIU's Handle

- Actual Innocence
- New Science
- Official Misconduct
- False Evidence



The screenshot shows the Innocence Project website. At the top left, it says "INNOCENCE PROJECT 25" with a small portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. Below this is a quote: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Martin Luther King, Jr. To the right, there are two statistics: "354 Number of DNA Exonerations" and "152 Number of Alternative Perpetrators Identified". Below these is a large blue banner with a scale of justice and the text: "Help us free those who have been wrongfully convicted, and reform our criminal justice system." with a "Get Involved" button. At the bottom, there is a section titled "THE CAUSES" with a paragraph: "As the pace of DNA exonerations has grown across the country in recent years, wrongful convictions have revealed disturbing fissures and trends in our criminal justice system."

## **DEFINITION OF EXONERATION FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EXONERATIONS**

**A person has been exonerated if he or she was convicted of a crime and later was either (1) declared to be factually innocent by a government official or agency with the authority to make that declaration; or (2) relieved of all the consequences of the criminal conviction by a government official or body with the authority to take that action.**

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