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## **WORKING WITH CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS**

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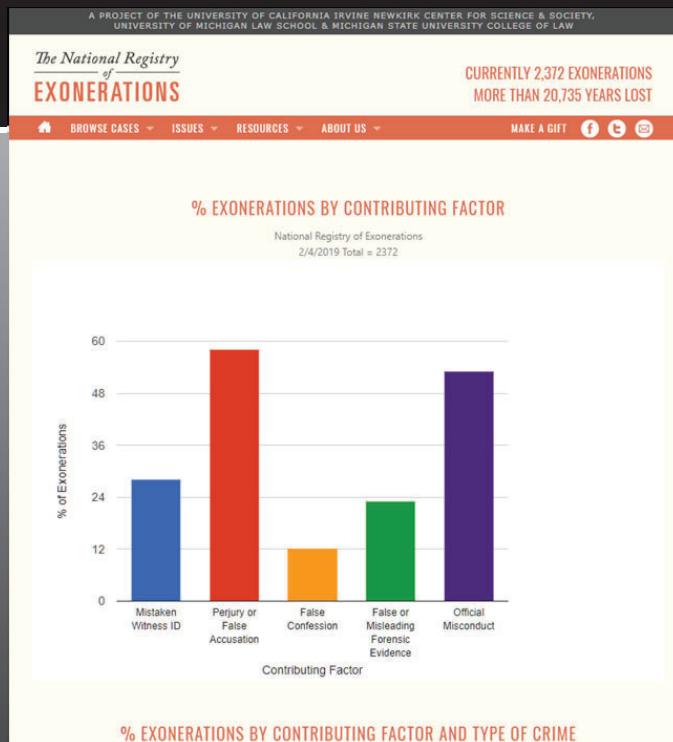
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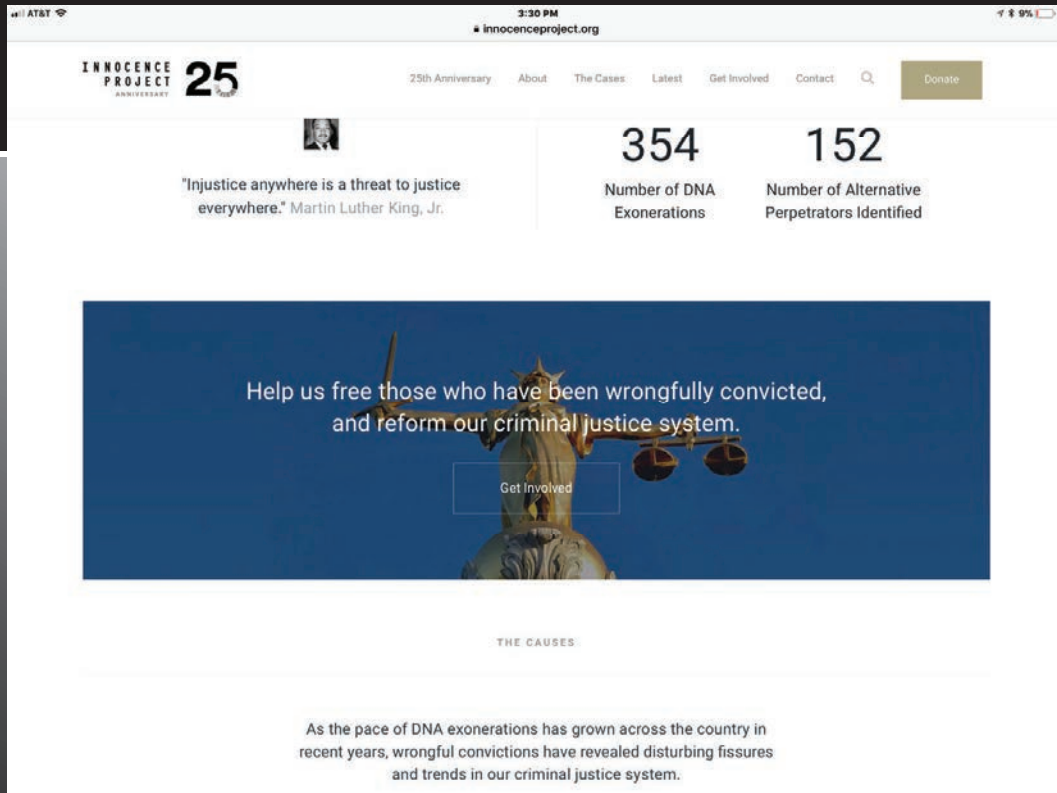
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- **How does a CIU operate?**
- **Does every county need a CIU?**

# CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNITS

## Kinds of Cases CIU's Handle

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





## **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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