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CM is thrilled that Texas' highest State Court, The Court of Criminal Appeals, concluded that **Richard Miles** is factually innocent. In its [published opinion](#) issued on February 15, 2012 the Court, in part, credited the evidence developed by Centurion Ministries for turning the tide in establishing the innocence of Mr. Miles.

After 15 years of false imprisonment for a 1994 Dallas murder, Richard Miles was freed in October 2009 through the joint efforts of Centurion Ministries, attorney Cheryl Wattlely, and the Dallas District Attorney's office. Together we presented the new evidence of Richard's innocence to the Dallas trial court who, convinced of Mr. Miles' innocence, recommended to the high court that Richard be granted relief based on actual innocence. In its opinion the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals stated, "*We agree that applicant has established that he is actually innocent. Habeas corpus relief is granted*".

Richard was convicted almost solely on the testimony of a single eyewitness. That witness recanted his trial testimony, stating that he told the prosecutor prior to trial that he was unable to identify anyone as the shooter; but the prosecutor insisted that he identify the defendant. Reluctantly and regretfully, he did so.

Additionally, as a result of a Centurion Ministries' staff-initiated FOIA request to the Dallas Police Department, we received a police report that described a pre-trial phone call received by a Dallas Police Department homicide officer from a witness identifying the real killer. This report was concealed by the Dallas Police Department. The trial of Richard Miles went forward undisturbed by this new information that they had the wrong man.

Now that Richard is finally and officially declared to be an innocent man by Texas' highest court, he is entitled to public funded compensation by the State of Texas. Among the benefits provided, he will receive a lump sum of \$80,000 for each year of confinement, plus a nice monthly stipend for the rest of his life.

Congratulations to Richard Miles!

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