

Temujin Kensu – Wrongfully Convicted 38 years

- Temujin Kensu's wrongful conviction case **has been investigated** by the Michigan Department of Attorney General under Dana Nessel's Conviction Integrity Unit.
- The investigation has concluded, and a **recommendation** was submitted to the Attorney General/Solicitor General by Valerie Newman to vacate the conviction, however Nessel refuses to release the written recommendation to the public or speak on Kensu's innocence or guilt. In a lawsuit by Proving Innocence (Barbara Kennedy) v. Nessel for the report, Nessel claims exemption under "client/attorney privilege."
- Temujin Kensu has **massive support** from eight Innocence Organizations the University of Michigan Innocence Law Clinic, and **thousands** of independent supporters. He has won two federal habeas appeals calling for his release or a new trial that were overturned on procedural grounds (timing technicality).
- Michigan's **Governor Gretchen Whitmer** has **executive Clemency authority**, derived from section 14 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, which states that the Governor **shall have the power** to **grant reprieves, commutations and pardons** after convictions for all offenses.

Clemency for Temujin Kensu

March 5, 2023

Dear Governor Gretchen Whitmer,

Please **exonerate** Temujin Kensu #189355. His wrongful conviction has spanned 38 years. Temujin will be 62 years old on May 23, 2025, with many chronic health problems due to lack of adequate healthcare while wrongfully incarcerated.

Temujin lost his wife A'miko of 22 years to cancer in 2012, the same year an out of state court overturned a federal habeas he won stating **he should be re-tried or released** due to lack of evidence and prosecutor misconduct. In 2020, Temujin and I met and we were married in Macomb prison on November 4, 2022. Temujin deserves to come home to me with his record completely cleared, as he never should have been in prison to begin with.

Temujin's case was reviewed by Dana Nessel's Conviction Integrity Unit and an internal AG Memoranda by Val Newman upon completion of her investigation favored vacating his conviction. **Please request and review that recommendation by Val Newman and act upon her recommendation.** We are hopeful that you would have the courage to correct the state and possibly country's worst wrongful conviction.

We urge you to take immediate action to #FreeTemujin.

Sincerely yours,

Paula Kensu and thousands of supporters

CSI Oakwood – Ohio high school forensic science students support clemency for Temujin Kensu. In 20 years, these students will forget what was on their final exams. They will never forget that they had a part in freeing an innocent man from prison. They will never forget Governor Whitmer, to whom they asked to look at this case with an unbiased and fair review and to not let politics stand in the way of justice.





"REMEMBER
THE PRISONERS
AS IF YOU
WERE CHAINED
WITH THEM."
HEBREWS 13:3



Being a man in prison
doesn't always make
him a bad person.

@WEDOTIMETOO

Just like being a free
man doesn't always
make him a good one.



Clemency for Temujin Kensu

Missed while wrongfully incarcerated:

- ★ New Year's Eve
- ★ Father's Day
- ★ Christmas
- ★ Easters
- ★ Birthdays + other's birthdays
- ★ Fourth of July (Freedom day) Celebrations
- ★ Countless Concerts, events, receptions, festivals
- ★ Countless Graduations
- ★ Countless Weddings
- ★ Countless Family Reunions
- ★ Countless Births
- ★ Countless Funerals of friends, family and supporters
- ★ Countless job opportunities
- ★ Countless special dinners
- ★ Countless anniversaries
- ★ Home Ownership opportunities
- ★ Vacations
- ★ Countless Travel
- ★ Healthy food
- ★ Exercise
- ★ Medical care

1987:



2025:



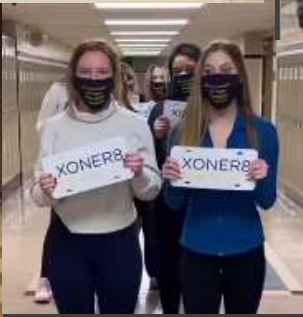
Years behind bars, wrongfully incarcerated:

1987	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017	2022
1988	1993	1998	2003	2008	2013	2018	2023
1989	1994	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019	2024
1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	WHY??

Temujin's lengthy incarceration has exceeded **nearly three times** the average time served for murder (13.4 years as reported by Bureau of Statistics); however, **he is innocent**.



High School supporters from
Ohio Forensics class



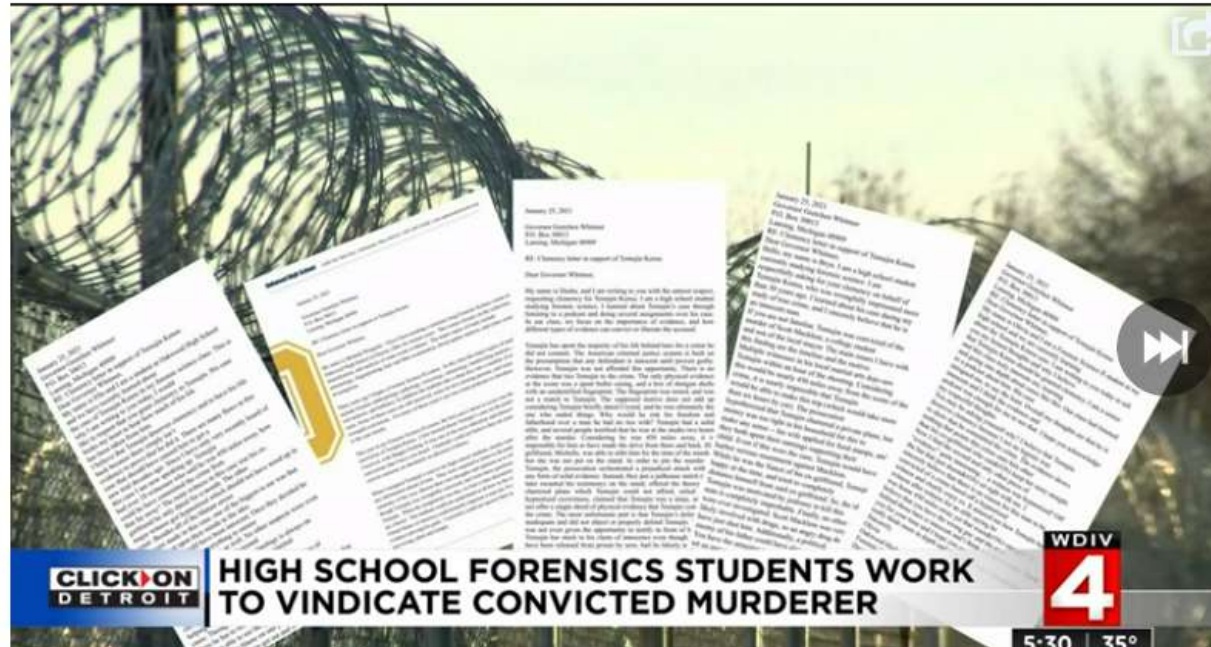
CSI OAKWOOD
Supports Temujin's Innocence

#FreeTemujin
#MiWrongfulConviction

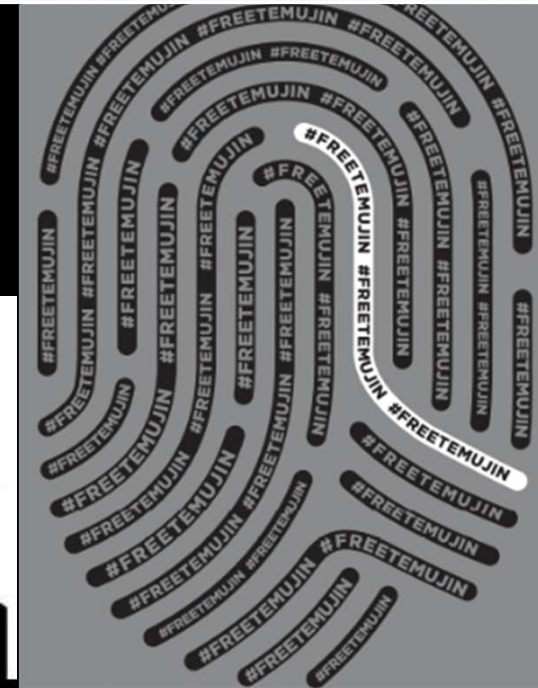


Oakwood, Ohio students support Temujin Kensu's release from his #MiWrongfulConviction

Students are studying forensic science



An Oakwood student created the below image of Temujin for our social media sites. The class also designed the other two logos on this page and Kensu purchased tee-shirts and #FreeTemujin masks for the students in this class.



“Us as teenagers can look at the case and be like, “There’s no physical evidence to be able to connect him to this crime.” – Dasha

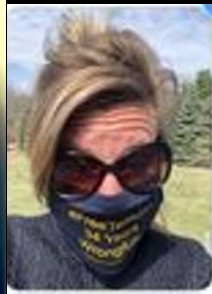
Dasha was so moved by this case that she decided she wanted to go to law school and become a defense attorney or work at an Innocence Clinic to free others wrongfully convicted of crimes they didn’t commit.



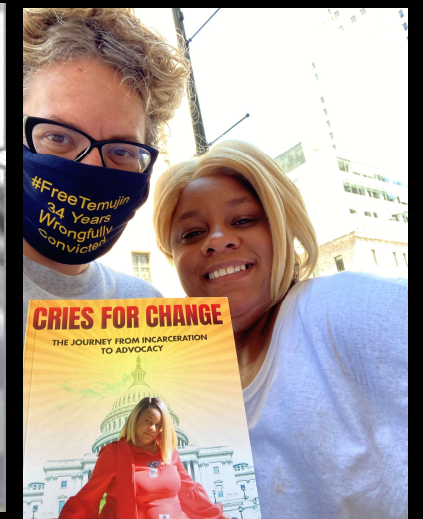
Clarkston, Mi High School Supporters



Nearly 100 Warriors of Justice in Clarkston, Michigan wrote to Governor Whitmer asking her to grant clemency after studying Kensu's case in their Forensic Science class. One student, Luke, said that he wants to be an FBI agent after hearing this case. Many expressed concern for the integrity of our criminal justice system saying that if the Governor won't grant clemency, an innocent man will die in prison. These students still inquire and hope to someday be part of the exoneration of Temujin Kensu.



More supporters of Temujin Kensu wearing #Free Temujin masks





Larry Smith, a 2021 exoneree from Detroit is one of Temujin's biggest supporters. Larry spent 26 years, 10 months and 7 days wrongfully convicted of a crime he had nothing to do with.

Ronnie and Ashleigh Long from North Carolina



Pictured right >

Barry Shek, founder of the Innocence Project & photoshopped prison photos of Ronnie Long, Temujin (middle) and Paula Kensu (right)



Temujin Kensu

September 3, 2020 · 🌐

Ronnie Long - now I need one of these with your face and my name on the tee shirt



THE NATIONAL REGISTRY
OF EXONERATIONS

2,991 EXONERATIONS SINCE 1989
MORE THAN 26,500 YEARS LOST



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ABOUT US ▾

MAKE A GIFT



RONNIE LONG

Longest Incarcerations



(Photo: USA Today)

It was just after 9:30 p.m. on April 25, 1976, when a man broke into a house on South Union Street in Concord, North Carolina, by climbing up a white banister and then entering through a window off the porch roof.

Sarah Bost, a 54-year-old widow, was home alone. She told police that the perpetrator surprised her in the kitchen, put a knife to her throat, and demanded money. But there was none in her purse, and Bost said the man then dragged her to the stairs, ripped off her clothing and raped her.

She would later say that she kept trying to look at the man's face, but he kept

State: North Carolina

County: Cabarrus

Most Serious Crime: Sexual Assault

Additional Convictions: Burglary/Unlawful Entry

Reported Crime Date: 1976

Convicted: 1976

Exonerated: 2020

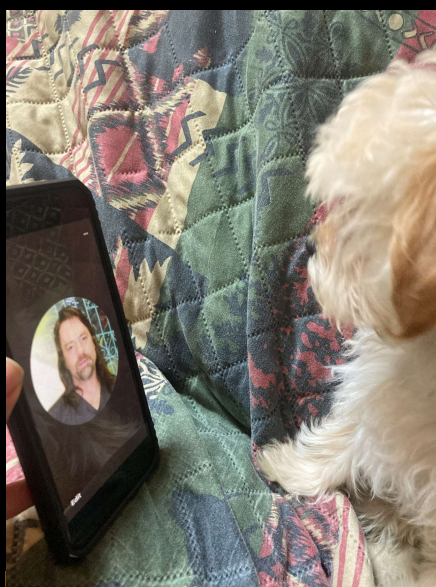
Sentence: Life

Ronnie Long served 44 years incarcerated for a crime he didn't commit in North Carolina. He was exonerated in 2020, pardoned by NC's governor.

While Ronnie was still incarcerated, Temujin and Paula supported his innocence. Now free, he supports Temujin.







Hunkey passed on May 17, 2020 at the age of 16 years. She tried hard to hold on to life to meet Temujin "paWh" but she was in too much pain.



Helping others

Here is a short list of things Temujin has **done for others** while incarcerated since I've known him (since 2019):

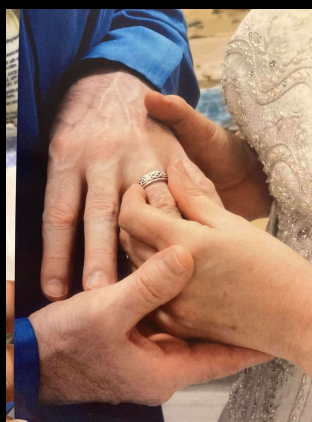
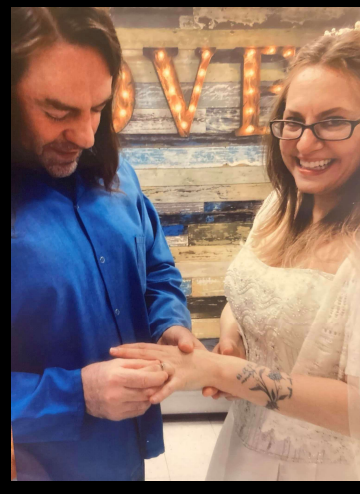
- Offer to **pay for college tuition** for Dasha, Oakwood High School student who was so moved by his wrongful conviction she decided to become a defense attorney. (She declined the offer, because she obtained a full scholarship).
- Purchased a **rescue puppy** for supporter and friend Larry Smith, wrongfully convicted exoneree to help him cope with PTSD.
- **Purchased a beautiful headstone** for his adopted mother Dorothy Mongan, who sadly passed during his wrongful conviction. This relieved the financial burden on the family.
- **\$1,000 donation to the Levin Center**
- **\$300 donation to Lewiston Community Schools for a high school fundraising request for Odyssey of the Minds.**
- Countless stories **told to me by inmates** who he has protected/stood up for when they **were facing harassment** or gangs



November 4, 2022
Mr. & Mrs. Kensu
Macomb Prison



Paula & Temujin Kensu
Paula's mom Karen; Tem's dad Mike



A beautiful family waiting for Temujin in Lewiston



How will Temujin spend his freedom when released?

- Mostly **quiet nights** at home
- Motorcycle rides & **road trips** to meet his supporters
- **Camping** with wife Paula & pups
- **Advocating** for other wrongfully convicted men and women in the US
- Speaking events – **educating others** about the importance of jury duty
- Several **job offers** to do legal **work from home**
- **Building a life** in Lewiston **with Paula** (books, puzzles, games, exercise) and a lot of puppy time with Faith, Hope, Joy, David and Goliath (aka “Goalie”). He will be SO **busy with puppies** – he **deserves an abundance** of puppy love!
- Reconnecting with **family and friends**
- We have **considered moving abroad** – Scotland or Ireland