



Adnan Syed's Case Is Dismissed After DNA Results Confirm His Innocence

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Today, the Circuit Court dropped the charges in *State v. Adnan Syed*, resulting in the dismissal of the criminal case for which Mr. Syed was incarcerated for 23 years. The State's Attorney announced that it would not further prosecute this case based on the results of DNA testing that excluded Mr. Syed from the DNA recovered from the evidence.

From Mr. Syed's attorney, Assistant Public Defender and Director of the Innocence Project Clinic at University of Baltimore Law School Erica Suter:

“Finally, Adnan Syed is able to live as a free man. The DNA results confirmed what we have already known and what underlies all of the current proceedings: that Adnan is innocent and lost 23 years of his life serving time for a crime he did not commit.”

This results in the end of the Circuit Court proceedings. An appeal brought by the Lee family in the Court of Special Appeals remains pending.

“While the proceedings are not completely over, this is an important step for Adnan, who has been on house arrest since the motion to vacate was first granted last month,” said Ms. Suter. “He still needs some time to process everything that has happened and we ask that you provide him and his family with that space.”

Erica Suter will hold a virtual press conference at 2pm. Details to come.

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