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# Devonia Inman Sees His Conviction Overturned After 23 Years Behind Bars

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Tom Reilly, a partner with Troutman Pepper, is quoted in the *Intercept* article, "[Devonia Inman Sees His Conviction Overturned After 23 Years Behind Bars](#)." More than 20 years after Devonia Inman was sentenced to life in prison for a murder he swears he did not commit, a judge in Georgia has overturned his conviction, writing that state misconduct and woefully inadequate defense lawyering rendered Inman's 2001 conviction unconstitutional.

The ruling sets up a choice for the state: Retry Inman for the 1998 murder of 43-year-old Donna Brown or release him. "We are hopeful that the court's order will finally bring an end to this matter, and that Mr. Inman will be reunited with his family as soon as possible," said Tom Reilly, one of Inman's attorneys.