

Georgia Exoneration and Innocence Project

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The Georgia Innocence Project

- The Georgia Innocence Project is a non-profit group that helps wrongly accused people who have been convicted of acting out a crime.
- The organization uses DNA testing as evidence to prove whether they are innocent or guilty.
- They were founded in August 2002, so they have been around for quite some time and have been working on current cases as well as cases that happened before 2002.



The Data Speaks

Below is a chart of the number of cases exonerated thus far:

Years of Exonerations	Number of Exonerees
1999	1
2004	1
2005	1
2007	2
2009	1
2015	1
2020	1

Citation :

Georgia Innocence Project, Inc.

The Case: Guilty until proven Innocent

-One of the cases the Georgia Innocence Project(GIP) have been working on is the case of Johnny Lee Gates.

-Johnny Lee Gates was accused of killing a young white woman because he made a false accusation stating that he killed the woman.

-However, Johnny had intellectual disabilities which is why he made a false accusation.



The Future...

-The Georgia Innocence Project continues to serve the prison community by collaborating with lawyers, volunteers, and students to assist them in exonerating those who have been wrongfully accused.

-As stated on their website, they will continue to be, “a voice for the imprisoned innocent” (Georgia Innocence Project).

