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UNLV to Host Forum on Wrongful Convictions

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Las Vegas, NV – The Rocky Mountain Innocence Center (RMIC) and students at the William S. Boyd School of Law will co-host an event at the law school on **Thursday, February 7, from 4-6 p.m.** The event, *Getting It Wrong: What Happens When Our Criminal Justice System Convicts an Innocent Person*, will feature **Jennifer Thompson Cannino**, a rape victim who misidentified her assailant, and **Ronald Cotton**, an innocent man freed by DNA evidence after 11 years in prison. (As seen on Frontline's *What Jennifer Saw*.)

According to **Katie Monroe**, director of the **Rocky Mountain Innocence Center** (RMIC), "DNA evidence has established that our criminal justice system can make mistakes that cause the wrong person to be convicted and allow the actual perpetrator to remain free. Mistaken eyewitnesses are the greatest cause of such wrongful convictions and were involved in 75% of the country's 210 DNA exonerations."

Ms. Cannino and Mr. Cotton will be in Las Vegas from Thursday, February 7, through Saturday, February 9, and are available to speak with the media about their incredible story and the efforts of innocence projects across the country to assist innocent people in prison and reform practices and policies that lead to wrongful convictions.

For more information, or to schedule an interview with Ms. Cannino and Mr. Cotton, contact RMIC Director Katie Monroe at 801-355-1888 (office), 202-991-9132 (cell), or RMIC@qwest.net.

The Rocky Mountain Innocence Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to correcting and preventing the conviction of innocent people in Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. RMIC, a member of the National Innocence Network, also conducts outreach and education about the causes and consequences of wrongful convictions and promotes legal reforms that can prevent the conviction of innocent people.

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