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## Wrongful Convictions

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**Abstract** — *In this presentation I will explain the topic of wrongful convictions in the criminal justice system through discussion of an honors course I took relating to this topic as well as through data analysis.*

### I. INTRODUCTION

There are many flaws in our justice system that have led to many wrongful convictions throughout our country. Reasons this happens is because prosecutors will withhold information from the defense, because of jailhouse informants, and eyewitness issues along with others that would be presented. I feel that these defendants in the criminal justice system are not being given the proper defense and are not being thought of as innocent until they are actually proven guilty. There are so many issues in our justice system that people are not informed about and I would love to start spreading the message about what actually goes on in our justice system and the amount of people who are wrongfully convicted of crimes they never committed.

### II. FINDINGS

Issues dealing with eyewitness identification, polygraph tests, jailhouse informants, police tactics, and false confessions that can all lead to somebody getting convicted of a crime they never committed.