OREGON INNOCENCE PROJECT ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST EXONERATION

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WHAT: The Oregon Innocence Project (OIP) is thrilled to announce its first exoneration. OIP's client will have his indictment dismissed by John Hummel, the District Attorney of Deschutes County. OIP's client was sentenced to fifty years, a sentence that would have resulted in death in prison for this forty-four year old who had never before been convicted of a crime.

WHEN: Monday, September 10, 2018 at 8:30AM; press conference to follow hearing.

WHERE: Deschutes County Courthouse; Judge Michael Adler

WHO: Steve Wax, Legal Director, Oregon Innocence Project; Brittney Plesser, Staff Attorney, Oregon Innocence Project; and, John Hummel, District Attorney, Deschutes County.

BACKGROUND: Oregon Innocence Project is the only program in our state whose sole mission is to aid the wrongfully convicted in proving their innocence, campaign for reforms that prevent and address wrongful convictions and train law students. Founded in 2014, OIP provides free legal assistance to people who have been convicted in Oregon and are making a claim of innocence.

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Notes to Editors

The Oregon Innocence Project was founded in 2014 and is a program of the Oregon Justice Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon. OJRC (OIP) is a member of the Innocence Network.

We respectfully request that you do not use the phrase "Innocence Project" as shorthand for the Oregon Innocence Project because that is the name of another innocence organization based in New York.