

Jury rejects claims of police misconduct

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BOSTON -- A jury in Boston has rejected a civil rights claims brought by a man who spent years in prison for a homicide he says he did not commit. Shawn Drumgold was freed in 2003 after several witnesses recanted and a judge threw out his 1988 conviction for the slaying of Darlene Tiffany Moore, 12. But prosecutors have not acknowledged Drumgold's innocence. After four days of deliberations, a jury in federal court cleared two retired Boston police detectives of violating Drumgold's rights in one instance. They did find that Timothy Callaghan concealed a payment of \$20 to a prosecution witness. Callaghan's lawyer asked the judge to set aside that finding, arguing that \$20 would not be enough to suborn perjury. The witness, a homeless teenager, testified that Callaghan often gave him money.

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