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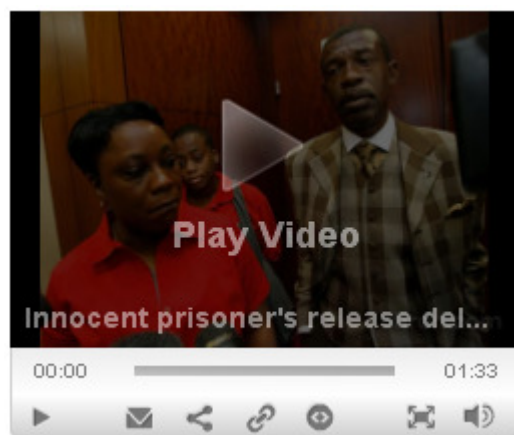


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Michael Anthony Green is being held in custody for another day after an outburst on the day of his exoneration. Video: Andres Quintero. 7/29/10

A Houston man expected to be freed on Thursday after being imprisoned 27 years for a rape he did not commit will have to wait one more day after reacting "emotionally" to the reality of his release this morning.

Bob Wicoff, an attorney for Michael Anthony Green, said his client was angry and would need another day to compose himself before having a bond set while the Texas Court of Criminal Appeal rules on his actual innocence.

"He was upset," Wicoff said. "Hopefully he'll be fine tomorrow."

Green was expected to be granted a personal recognizance bond by visiting state District Judge Mike Wilkinson Thursday morning. He was not brought into the courtroom, but loud shouting could be heard from behind the door to the court's holdover cell.

Wicoff said the shouting was Green.

"This has been a gross perversion of justice and he's a smart guy and he knows it," Wicoff said. "He's angry."

The release was the next step in proceedings to declare Green actually innocent of a 1983 sexual assault.

Green's family members who spoke as they walked from the courtroom said Green should have been immediately released regardless of his behavior.

"He's been in jail too long already," said a woman who identified herself as a relative and did not give her name as reporters swarmed her as she walked to the elevators in the Harris County Criminal Courthouse.

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Thats wrong. Let the dude out already!

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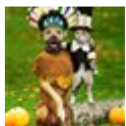
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**richeyrich** wrote:

That is totally ridiculous. They have not reason to hold this man for one more day simply because he was upset or angry. Total miscarriage of justice. Has he not suffered enough already? He will probably be angrier tomorrow knowing that his release was put off simply because he showed some emotions. What? Is he not allowed to show emotions? Absurd !!!

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**BeerBibleBullets** wrote:

I'd be pissed off too.

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**elcid54** wrote:

It is just morallly corrupt to hold this man one more day.

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**ElGuapo1** wrote:

I agree with the court. If he did not conduct himself in a socially acceptable manner; he needs to stay in until he is ready to interact with others appropriately.

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**Ancientaerie** wrote:

The man should be recompensed \$250,000 for each year he spent as an innocent individual and another \$10,000 for the extra day.

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**Jagowar** wrote:

OldArmyVet I agree with you. The state of Texas has plenty innocent and they are not all in Jail either. Really I would like to see a class action lawsuit against Texas. Starting out with cases like this one, and also on others that DNA would not prove their innocence. We are starting to find out just how bad our justice system is. Also leads me to believe also case example. The Sex Offender Registration list. How do we know all that are on their really did the crime we don't, So this is just false Security the way I see it.

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**OldArmyVet** wrote:

About one in three posts have said "I am happy the judge is keeping this guy in jail...he has a bad attitude".

Just how bad would YOUR attitude be if you had been locked in a cell for 27 years for a crime that you did not commit? My OWN attitude would be so bad after 27 years that the original judge and prosecutor who helped frame me would have to go into witness protection.

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