

Miscarriages of Justice

Law

The recurring causes of wrongful conviction.

Documented causes.

Recurring causes

Mistaken eyewitness identification

Non-disclosure of exculpatory material

Unreliable or overstated expert evidence

False confessions under pressure

Informant testimony given incentives

Safeguards

Recorded interviews

Identification procedure rules

Independent forensic review

Disclosure obligations

Appeal and review bodies

Educational reference. Mistaken identification is the single most frequently identified factor in documented wrongful convictions.