

DEATH PENALTY ACTION

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Death Row Survivor Raising \$100K For Operation to Walk Again

Sam Randolph Was Crippled By Guards While Wrongly Incarcerated on Pennsylvania's Death Row

Harrisburg, PA - Sam Randolph, an exonerated Pennsylvania death row survivor who was paralyzed when he was beaten by guards before being proved innocent and freed a decade later will arrive by ambulance at approximately 9:30am on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 to a 10am outdoor press conference to display exactly the challenges he hopes to overcome. A California surgeon has offered to treat the injury at no charge, but Randolph needs more than \$100K for medical transportation and follow up physical therapy if he is to be able to stand, walk, or even bend enough to sit upright in a wheelchair.

Sam Radolph will arrive to Soldiers Grove, PA Capitol Complex (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/tanAbZQtAXNS2r5s7>) on the East side of the Capitol on a gurney, in a medical transport vehicle. Why? He was paralyzed when he was beaten by guards, who jumped on his spine. This left him in constant and severe pain, unable to walk or bend enough even to sit in a wheelchair. In [this short video](#), Dr. Ali [Mesiwala](#) describes the situation and what must be done to help alleviate the symptoms to the extent possible.

The group is drawing attention to the public effort to raise the funds necessary to "[Help Sam Walk Again](#)." The case-sensitive GoFundMe Link is bit.ly/HelpSamRandolphWalkAgain. In the past four months, 500 individuals, clubs, human rights organizations, radio programs and faith groups have contributed more than \$27,000 on-line to the "[Help Sam Walk Again](#)" [GoFundMe page](#).

"Sam Randolph is one of 11 exonerated Pennsylvania death row survivors, but he's still not free," said Abraham Bonowitz, executive director of Death Penalty Action, a national group that offered to create an event to draw attention to the issue. "You would think the state would have compensated this man by now, but we're not here about that, nor are we here to talk about prison management issues or rogue corrections officers. It doesn't matter where people stand on the issue of capital punishment, nearly all of us agree that we should not incarcerate innocent people. Because of a beating by guards which no one denies took place, he is confined to a bed. This is fixable, and today we are inviting caring people in Pennsylvania and the United States to help Sam get the medical attention he deserves."

WHO: Exonerated Pennsylvania Death Row Survivor Sam Randolph

WHAT: Press Conference to Announce Need for Financial Support to repair spinal damage caused by guards while on death row

WHEN: 10am, Wednesday, June 28, 2023 (Arrival by medical transport at approximately 9:30am)

WHERE: Soldiers Grove, PA Capitol Complex: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tanAbZQtAXNS2r5s7>

BACKGROUND

Sam Radolph was released just over a year ago, in April, 2022. He is #187 on the Death Penalty Information Center list of death row exonerees, which has [this write-up](#) about him.

Sam needs \$100,000 in order to handle the expenses not covered by insurance, including medical transport to California and back, and what is expected to be over a year of intensive physical therapy. No, Sam has not yet received any compensation from the state and we are not sure if or when that might happen.

Death Penalty Action, the only national, secular single-issue anti-death penalty organization in the United States, continues its journey to Washington, DC with this stop in Harrisburg following yesterday's vigil in Pittsburgh outside the sentencing trial of the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooter. The will continue on to manage the 30th Annual "Starvin' for Justice" Fast & Vigil to Abolish the Death Penalty at the US Supreme Court. Additional information is at DeathPenaltyAction.org

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