

Flawed forensic hair testimony from the

The FBI has identified for review roughly **2,500 cases** in which the FBI Lab reported a hair match before 2000, when reviewers have found that FBI examiners gave flawed testimony in **257 of 268 trials** in which hair evidence was used as [article](#)

284 defendants account for the **257** cases with error. There are **231** state convictions and **53** fe

State	State defendants	Death row	Executed	Exonerated	Federal defendants
Alabama	2				
Alaska	8				
Arizona	1	1			
Arkansas	2				1
California	5	3			3
Colorado	1				
Connecticut	3				
D.C.				3	7
Delaware	3				
Florida	42	10	1	1	
Georgia	1				3
Hawaii	4				
Idaho	3				
Illinois	4				
Indiana	7	1	1		1
Iowa	0				1
Kansas	1				
Kentucky	0				
Louisiana	2				
Maine	7				
Maryland	15				
Massachusetts	7				1
Michigan	1				1
Minnesota	2				3
Mississippi	2				
Missouri	4	1	1		2
Montana	1				
Nebraska	0				3
Nevada	0				
New Hampshire	1				
New Jersey	6				

New Mexico	0			
New York	5			1
North Carolina	0			3
North Dakota	0			2
Ohio	7	1		
Oklahoma	2	1	1	0
Oregon	1			4
Pennsylvania	21	5		7
Rhode Island	3			
South Carolina	7			
South Dakota	3			1
Tennessee	16	4		
Texas	20	5	5	1
Utah	0			1
Vermont	2			3
Virginia	2			1
Washington	3			
West Virginia	2			1
Wisconsin	2			2
Wyoming	0			

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