

# INNOCENT LATINO 15-YEAR-OLD SENTENCED TO THREE LIFE SENTENCES

Learn about 15-year-old Latino honor student named Efrén Paredes, Jr. who was wrongly convicted in 1989 for a murder and armed robbery he did not commit. The crime occurred in St. Joseph, Michigan (Berrien County), USA.

The case against Efrén was entirely circumstantial. There was no physical evidence linking Efrén to the crime, no eyewitnesses to the crime, and Efrén was home with his parents and two brothers when the crime occurred. He was arrested, tried and convicted in a three-month period and was sentenced to three life sentences. Efrén has been imprisoned now 20 years and is 35-years-old.

Please read the following documents to learn more about Efrén's wrongful conviction and how you can assist him. We invite you to read additional information available on the site as well when time permits. The following five links are located under the "General Information" tab of [www.4Efrén.com](http://www.4Efrén.com):

- Web Site Intro
- Paul Ciolino Support Letter and Credentials
- Support Letter Request
- Efrén's Biographical Information
- Letters in Support of Efrén (Parts 1 through 4)
- Case History

## How You Can Help

**Write Support Letters:** You are highly encouraged to write letters to the Governor supporting Efrén's release. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/55hu83> for an example of how to write a letter and information about where to send it. Please ask as many people as you know to visit this link and send letters as well.

**Circulate Information:** You can support Efrén's cause and encourage others to end this ongoing human rights atrocity by copying and circulating this message on web sites, blogs, message boards, comment sections, survey feedback spaces, in chat rooms, on Facebook pages, MySpace pages, and by sending it in e-mails to people you communicate with. We are especially interested in getting Efrén's case featured in the media throughout the international community.

**Facebook and MySpace:** You are invited to add Efrén as your friend on MySpace and Facebook and to join the "Fairness for Efrén" groups on Facebook and MySpace. Efrén's Facebook URL is <http://tinyurl.com/bm58d7>. His MySpace URL is [www.myspace.com/4Efrén](http://www.myspace.com/4Efrén).

**Follow our Campaign on Twitter:** Follow the campaign to free Efrén in real time on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/Free\\_Efrén](http://twitter.com/Free_Efrén). You can click "Follow" on the Twitter page to begin receiving all the latest activity and information related to Efrén and our campaign to free him.

**Display Free Efrén Poster:** Visit <http://tinyurl.com/77vbyf> to download an 8-1/2" x 11" Free Efrén poster. You are encouraged to display the poster in your home, church, community center, library, on college campuses, in dorms, on store bulletin boards, in business windows, etc. You can also display them at events, organization meetings, seminars, workshops, and share them with friends and family. They are a great tool to bring attention to Efrén's case.

**Visit Our Blogs:** You are encouraged to visit our TIME Committee blog, the Free

Efrén blog, and the Abolish Juvenile Life Without Parole Sentences in the USA blog. You can view them at <http://4Efrén.blogspot.com>, <http://Free-Efrén.blogspot.com>, and <http://Abolish-JLWOP.blogspot.com>, respectively.

**Sign Efrén's Online Petition:** Please sign an electronic petition to the Governor supporting Efrén's release. In addition to signing the online petition people can also leave a comment on the petition for others to read and learn about their support for our campaign. The petition is available at [www.petitionspot.com/petitions/4Efrén](http://www.petitionspot.com/petitions/4Efrén). You can also download a printed version of the petition to gather signatures as well which is available on our web site home page at [www.4Efrén.com](http://www.4Efrén.com).

**Links to Efrén's Internet Presence:** To view a blog post which contains important links to information available about Efrén on the Internet visit <http://tinyurl.com/EPJ360>.

**Make a Secure Online Donation to the Efrén Paredes, Jr. Legal Defense Fund:** To make a secure online donation to the Efrén Paredes, Jr. Legal Defense Fund you can visit our web site at [www.4Efrén.com](http://www.4Efrén.com) and click on the white "Make Donation" button located toward the center of the home page. The donations are made through PayPal.

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