

26-year-old Confession Sets Inmate Free

Portland man sees justice for his brother

(AP)—A Portland man's brother who was locked away 26 years for murder was granted a new trial and freed on bond Friday with the help of two attorneys who came forward with a client's confession after he died in prison.

Alton Logan's family took up a collection in the lobby of the Cook County Criminal Courthouse in Chicago and quickly came up with the \$1,000 they needed to post bond.

A dozen friends and family broke into applause as Logan, 54, exited the building. He tearfully said it felt "great" to be free before he was whisked away in a black SUV.

Logan's younger brother, Eugene Logan of Portland, was adamant that he would be freed after his retrial.

"Nobody deserves to be locked away for 26 years for something they didn't do," said Logan, 48. "It's a blessing today that my brother's been released. He's not been exonerated yet, but we're going back to court, and it will happen."

Two attorneys recently revealed that their former client, Andrew



Pauline Buccanan (from left) Janet Logan and Eugene Logan cry as their brother is freed from the Cook County Jail in Chicago.

Wilson, admitted to committing the crime that has sent Logan to prison, but attorney-client privilege had kept them from coming forward.

Wilson's death last year allowed the attorneys to unseal an affidavit stating that Logan was not responsible for the fatal shooting of security guard Lloyd Wickliffe at a McDonald's restaurant in Chicago in January 1982.

Dale Coventry, one of the attorneys who signed the affidavit, said Friday night that he hopes prosecutors will acknowledge they went in the wrong direction with the case.

"Poor Mr. Logan was locked up all these years for something he didn't do and that's unfortunate that it worked out the way it did,"

Coventry said. "I wish (the release) had happened a lot sooner, but unfortunately there was no way to do anything."

Logan's uncle, Arthur Gordon, 70, of Milwaukee, Wis., waited outside the jail, saying he knew his nephew was innocent.

"I knew he didn't do that because I had been talking to him over the years," Gordon said. "He kept his spirit. He said, 'Uncle I have to stay up. I can't go down. I can't go down.'"

Eugene Logan says he hopes to eventually have his brother move to Portland to live.

"I'm going to turn him on to life," he said. "That's what we're going to do. We're going to live it together."

Dear Deanna!

I have to choose who I want to marry. I have a childhood friend that would love to be with me but I don't feel any fireworks for him. I really want to marry my ex-boyfriend but I know he would only marry me for stability since he has a history of unemployment. I am so anxious to become a married woman but I'm having a tough time with this decision. Neither man has expressed this interest so I will be the one proposing. Who do I choose? --Marriage Confusion; On-Line Reader

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ter and should invest time in building a loving relationship with someone that has love, trust, respect and a joint decision for commitment and matrimony.

Dear Confusion:

You are missing the major dynamics of marriage such as a mutual agreement and of course, a loving committed relationship. This is a union from God and not to be taken lightly or as a game. Your childhood friend doesn't deserve heartbreak and your ex-boyfriend would use you. You deserve bet-

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend will not tell me that he loves me. I have been with him for three years and he always tells me that his presence should answer the question. He has verbally said he loves me about five times. We've had our problems with cheating and break-ups but we're still together. I want to head in the direc-

tion of commitment but I need to address his feelings first. How do I find out his true feelings for me? --Adrienne; Columbia, SC

Dear Adrienne:

The things your boyfriend isn't saying speak the loudest. You've allowed this behavior in the relationship and at this point, there's a small chance he'll change. You have rights in this relationship and deserve to know his feelings and intentions. You need to be direct and tell him how you feel, what you want and your expectations on love and marriage. Be prepared if you don't get the answers you seek and you have to decide to stay or keep it moving

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Killing Ruled Self Defense Grand jury clears man

(AP) — David Lee Paterson turned himself into Texas authorities a month ago, admitting to killing a man in Portland nearly 17 years ago. Thursday a Multnomah County grand jury declined to file charges against him, believing his claim of self defense.

Patterson, 60, shot and killed Eric Lamon, 21, when Lamon kicked Patterson awake as he slept homeless outside a downtown Portland funeral home and shouted racial

slurs at him in May 1991.

"It's like a ton off my shoulders," Patterson said on the jail steps as he waited for a ride from a brother and sister-in-law he hadn't seen in a decade. "Now I don't have to worry."

Since that night his life was one of peaks of jobs and sobriety, canyons of alcohol and drug relapses.

He said it has taken this long to follow through on the Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous step program.

"I always got to the step where you make amends, and couldn't go forward," Patterson said. "I never could get to that because I feared that no one would believe me."

Patterson plans to stay in Portland, find work and reunite with his two daughters in Memphis, Tenn., who are in the mid-30s. He hasn't seen them since they were 9 or 10.

"When you tell the truth," Patterson said, "you can't go wrong."

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the Portland Observer.

He said one of the most critical issues on the planning commission will be figuring out how to absorb a huge number of people who will be coming here to live in years to come. The new arrivals are expected from all corners of the world, including Latin America, Russia and Vietnam.

"We need to help them blend in, but still preserve the opportunity for them to house their cultures in our city," Baugh said.

Another issue is what he calls addressing transportation in a holistic sense — not choosing freeways, light rail, bicycles and walking as "one mode over another, but how to make it all work."

Transportation and land use are closely linked, Baugh says.

"It used to be that if railroads didn't build a rail line through your town, the town died," he says. "Then development was based on the Interstate highway system. Now we have to decide where we place the density. If housing is built around the freeway system, how do we make it more livable? If we can't solve that, the city starts to die because no one wants to live there. We need to make this a prosperous city, a desirable place for people who want to move here and people who have always lived here."

Baugh foresees a Portland city where you can raise your children, and pursue your second, third or fourth careers.

"We need an array of housing types, not just \$2 million penthouses, and an array of jobs that include skilled blue collar jobs," he says.

Baugh was born in North Dakota, but his family moved to Oregon when he was two. He grew up in several cities, including Eugene and Sea-

side, graduated from high school in Astoria, and graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in political science. He worked for Weyerhaeuser for 17 years, while living in Eugene, before he was hired to Portland to manage a pilot Skinny Streets project in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood.

"I wanted to move to Portland, and the project sounded interesting," he says. He later managed the redesign of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, replacing the median strips with smaller medians to allow for on-street parking at strategic locations.

Still later he participated in the siting of a new Multnomah County Public Library in the Hillsdale neighborhood, a highly contentious issue that involved transportation considerations.

"I didn't so much make decisions as implement them," Baugh says. "It does enlighten me today on the decisions I'll be making for the Planning Commission. I could see the direct impact of these projects on residents and businesses because the changes occurred right in front of their doors."

When he left the transportation department, he was one of several people who questioned Portland Development Commission policies and progress about affirmative action on city-financed projects.

Today Baugh says, "From what I've seen from the outside, they've taken this seriously, and put it at the director's level. If it's part of the business practices that you do every day, change will come about, and they've made this part of business practices."

Looking ahead, Baugh says, "I like Portland and it's great to be living here, but we face some serious challenges in the years ahead."

Correction: MLK Property Values

In a story about economic development on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in our April 2 edition, developer Eric Wentland was quoted as saying MLK real estate was worth 30 to 50 percent less than it was a year ago, when he meant to say that it was 30 to 50 percent less than comparable properties in other parts of the city. We regret the error.

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