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Library to Screen Documentary Film “After Innocence” on March 19 *Film Won Special Jury Prize Winner at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will screen Jessica Sanders’ documentary film “After Innocence.” This film was a special jury prize winner at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. The screening will take place Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego

“After Innocence” tells the dramatic and compelling story of the exonerated - innocent men wrongfully imprisoned for decades and then released after DNA evidence proved their innocence. The film focuses on the gripping story of seven men and their emotional journey back into society and efforts to rebuild their lives. Included are a police officer, an army sergeant and a young father sent to prison and even death row for decades for crimes they did not commit.

The men are thrust back into society with little or no support from the system that put them behind bars. While the public views exonerations as success stories - wrongs that have been righted – “After Innocence” shows that the human toll of wrongful imprisonment can last far longer than the sentences served. The film raises basic questions about human rights and society’s moral obligation to the exonerated and places a spotlight on the flaws in our criminal justice system that lead to wrongful conviction of the innocent.

“After Innocence” will be facilitated by **Alan Mobley**, Ph.D., a criminal justice professor at San Diego State University; and **Jeff Chinn**, assistant director of the California Innocence Project.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

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