

NowThis: Fight For Freedom Q's

Daniel Villegas: Wrongful Conviction (16 years old, false confession) FALSE CONFESSIONS

1. Should detectives be able to lie and use threats in order to get someone to confess to a crime that they may or may not have committed? Why or why not?
2. Why do you believe the police charged Daniel with the murder despite him giving them incorrect information? Why or why not?
3. Why do some people falsely confess to a crime?
4. Should an Alfred Plea (where you plea guilty while maintaining your innocence) be used in wrongful conviction cases? Why or why not?
5. If you were Daniel, how would you feel after being exonerated?

Sabrina Butler-Smith: Wrongful Conviction (Accused of killing son and on death row) DEATH PENALTY

1. Should the hospital have called the police on Sabrina? Why or why not?
2. Why would someone sign a statement with false information that would eventually lead to their conviction?
3. Was a death sentence an appropriate sentence for Sabrina? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think Sabrina was not told that she could appeal her case to the Supreme Court?
5. If you were Sabrina, how would you feel after being exonerated?