

Keith Cooper Wins Record \$7.5 Million in Settlement from Elkhart

“Keith Cooper, who spent more than eight years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of an armed robbery in Elkhart, announced Wednesday he will receive \$7.5 million in a settlement agreement with the city. The city’s settlement with Cooper is the largest amount paid to a plaintiff in,” reports Marek Mazurek in South Bend Tribune.

“The record-breaking settlement follows a series of other wrongful conviction proceedings and lawsuits in Elkhart. Cooper’s co-defendant in the 1996 robbery, Christopher Parish, was exonerated and awarded nearly \$5 million in a 2014 settlement. In March, Andrew Royer filed a lawsuit saying police and prosecutors coerced him into a false.”

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