

Prosecutors Who Covered Up Drug Lab Scandal Now Face Bar Discipline, Civil Rights Lawsuit

Actions by two Massachusetts lab technicians over several years led to courts retroactively dismissing nearly 38,000 drug convictions dating back a decade. Now, the prosecutors who handled the case are facing their own legal troubles, **reports** *The Washington Post*.

The Massachusetts state bar has filed disciplinary charges against three of the assistant attorneys general who withheld evidence from defendants, and a federal judge has ruled that one of the prosecutors is not entitled to immunity and can be sued by one-time defendant Renaldo Penate for violating his civil rights, writes the *Post*'s **Tom Jackman**.

Records indicate one of the technicians was suspected of stealing and using illegal drugs that had been submitted to her for testing.

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