Wrongful Convictions in the Criminal Justice System
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Introduction
Lower case justice is the second of four parts to the justice system. This is the process or machinery by which justice occurs, but it does not exactly represent justice. In its relation to the Africana Communities, we ask, does the process of the New York Criminal Justice System administer wrongful convictions?

Findings
Brooklyn district attorney, Kenneth Thompson “takes on wrongful convictions.” What are wrongful convictions? A wrongful conviction is when a defendant is admitted into the system and placed on lockdown with unsubstantial evidence to prove their guilt. District attorney Kenneth Thompson has taken on the duty to overlook cases that have used coerced and false confessions to admit defendants into the system.

Methods & Materials

Findings
Five Black and Latino New Yorkers, who became known as the “Central Park 5,” were arrested on April 19, 1989, for allegedly attacking and raping 28-year-old Trisha Meili, known as the Central Park Jogger. The five young Black and Latino youths were intimidated by the forceful approach and tactics of the police. The five Teenagers were coerced to confess by New York City Police department officers and detectives. The interrogative tactics caused the boys to falsely confess.

Conclusions
-One primary and major solution would be to review the prosecutors’ charges and conviction cases. This way, the opportunity for a false conviction is significantly minimized.
- The second solution to the stop DNA misconduct and fabricated results is to stimulate research that would validate forensic science disciplines. Secondly, enforce the standards of using DNA evidence.
-Placing more people, such as Kenneth Thompson, to search for more wrongful convictions in other boroughs and overturn them. This should result in setting a precedent for other justice systems.
-Each interrogation should be videotaped, not only the confessions. This way, the jury can determine if the confession was coerced from the defendant.
-The jury should take a pre-seminar session and be presented with previous cases that have been convicted based on race. This should cause the jury to think of more objectively when voting guilty or not guilty.
-Images of the suspect should be selected in a way that would not bring unreasonable attention to anyone. In addition, it’s vital that non-suspect photographs and lineup members are chosen by their resemblance to the description provided by the witness, not by their resemblance to the suspect. Also, the appearance of the suspect should not stand out from the other photographs or lineup members.

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