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A California Innocence Project client was released from prison last week after 28 years of incarceration for a crime he did not commit.

Roeling Adams, who was wrongly convicted of a shooting in 1986, was released from San Quentin State Prison Friday.

The California Innocence Project, a clinical program at California Western School of Law, helped represent Adams' appeal.

Earlier this year, the California Department of Corrections granted parole for Adams. The parole board relied heavily on a declaration secured by the California Innocence Project supporting Adams' innocence claim.

Gov. Jerry Brown chose not to overturn the board's decision, leading to Adams' release.

Adams provided an alibi at his initial trial and has always maintained his innocence.

In an effort to protect the true culprits, the main prosecution witness testified Adams was responsible. The witness later recanted and identified the true perpetrators.

After the main prosecution witness recanted, the California Innocence Project, with the help of parole attorney Jeffrey Taft, helped secure Adams' freedom through the parole process.

Adams will move into transitional housing to ease him back into society.

"One of the leading causes of wrongful conviction is misidentification," said Justin Brooks, director of the California Innocence Project. "I am so pleased that Roeling finally has his freedom after 28 years of wrongful incarceration."