

Wrongful Conviction and the Case for Forensic Evidence in the Philippine Criminal Justice System

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The Author begins the Article with the cases of Larrañaga, Lejano, and Webb, who are regarded by some as victims of wrongful convictions. He, then, looks into Philippine jurisprudence to discuss the various doctrines in the field of criminal law. The Author discusses the relevance of forensic evidence as physical evidence, the possible reliance on forensic evidence by judges in order to effectively discharge their judicial decision-making duties, and the development that forensic evidence can contribute to criminal law as a whole. In conclusion, the Author proposes the use of forensic evidence in order to mitigate the chances of wrongfully convicting individuals and in order to improve the criminal justice system.